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January breaks all records as weather looks set to continue

by Trevor Bevins

PARTS of Dorset has suffered the wettest January since records started 120-years-ago – with a warning that February may be just as wet.

Dorchester has suffered more than nine inches of rain in January, compared to the long-term average of just over four inches.

The previous record was set in 1906 with 8.4 inches.

When December's figures are added the total for the two months amounts to 17.5 inches – despite the first 11 days of December recording no rain at all.

Some roads in the county remain flooded as the Met' Office warns that more heavy rainfall is on the way this week

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Three reasons to celebrate

■ ROTARY Club of Dorchester President Ian Dominey with Inner Wheel President Denise Addison and her husband, Kenneth, President of Past Rotary

THREE anniversaries have been celebrated by the Inner Wheel Club of Dorchester at a special dinner.

The club has reached the 75th anniversary of receiving its Charter while the associated Rotary Club of Dorchester has reached its 90th year – with 30 years being celebrated by the Past Rotary Club of Dorchester.

Inner Wheel President Denise Addison welcomed Rotary President Ian Dominey and her husband, Kenneth Addison, who is the current President of Past Rotary. Mrs Addison congratulated each of the clubs on their achievements and anniversaries.

The evening was concluded with a talk and slideshow from local historian Brian Bates who has researched the stories of the local men whose names appear on the Cenotaph who served in the First World War.

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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

MANY, in and around the Dorchester area, will know of, or have met Margaret Morrissey, OBE.

Editor of the parish magazine, active with the church, a former lay schools inspector and chair of the Poundbury Residents Association, Mrs Morrissey is also often quoted in the national press and regional and national broadcasters for her views on education and parenting.

After years as chair and then spokesperson for National Confederation of Parent Teachers Association she founded her own organisation, Parents Outloud, when she 'retired' several years ago.

And apart from all this Mrs Morrissey is more than active with her seven grandchildren, five of which live locally, and can often be seen being ferried around in a car which would otherwise be far too big for her and retired hotelier and publican, husband Patrick.

■ DO you have a problem saying 'no'?

I agreed to do this interview, so yes! It is one of my problems – I often see something which needs sorting out and end up getting involved.

■ WHEN did you first come to Dorset?

About 1980 when Patrick took over the Worgret Manor Hotel at Wareham. We had met in Weybridge where he was a hotel manager, but he had always wanted to branch out on his own. We later moved to Poole and then came to Dorchester in 1990 at the Junction Hotel. I hated Dorset at first, after living in London, but I soon grew to love it.

■ AND what did you do before starting a family?

I trained as a nurse, did some agency work and also worked for Securicor for while. I was at Queen Charlotte Hospital working on the unit where they pioneered changing a baby's blood, which was very exciting and very cutting edge at the time. Our first child was born at Barts which technically makes her a cockney and gives her the right to drive sheep over Westminster Bridge, although she hasn't tried it yet.

■ HOW did you get involved in educational matters?

The head at the nursery heard me complaining about a zebra crossing and told me I was just the person she needed. Before I knew it I was a school governor and on the PTA…that was the start of it and I never looked back from there. Her name was Mrs Grubb, I won't forget her, my husband says she has a lot to answer for. I used to go along to the Inner London Education Authority and speak up on a number of issues.

■ AND how did your involvement continue in Dorset?

At the Worgret Manor some of the local persuaded me to stand for the town council in Wareham. Later David Jacob's came to Swanage to broadcast "Any Questions" from the Mowlem Theatre. I put in a question about the teachers strike affecting my daughter's education and he made a quip that with a mother like me, she ought to do just fine. The next day the phone didn't stop ringing and myself and a few others called a meeting at the Purbeck School and started the All Dorset Parents Action Group. We used to hold breakfast meetings and ran a number of campaigns which often led to us going to London to lobby MPs and the Minister. Eventually we became the Dorset group of the National Confederation of Parent Teachers Association and I became involved nationally with the organisation as chair and later as spokesperson.

■ AND did you get to know many of the key players nationally?

Yes, but it's a sad indictment that in 30 years or so of meeting with secretaries of state for education there was only one, John MacGregor, who seemed to genuinely care about children, and he only lasted a few months in the post. David Blunkett was very nice and used to phone me quite often until he became a Minister and then all I would get in response were letters addressed to Mrs Morrissey. John Patten even described me as a 'Neanderthal'. Luckily I bit my lip and thought about my response when I was asked by the press what I thought about his comments on me. I also got to know all of the national paper journalists who write about education and many from the TV and radio, some of which still phone me today for my comments.

■ I GUESS you were quite academic at school?

Far from it, but I used to run church services, was the sports captain and was busy with lots of other things. Somehow I think everyone, including me, forgot about my education. There used to be a time when bits of paper weren't that important but if I had my time again I might have made more effort. It certainly true now that you won't even get a job interview for most things without the paper to prove you can pass an exam.

■ HAS the church always played an important part in your life?

Yes, I started going to church as a child. It would be Sunday School in the morning and church in the evening. I'm not even really sure if I'm a believer, but I do believe in insurance.

■ AND apart from the church and Patrick what else is there that fills your time now you are retired?

The parish magazine takes quite a lot of time, there's ten editions a year and the deadlines come around remarkably quickly. I do try and be organised and put items aside as I go along, but the biggest thing in my life is the grandchildren, all seven of them varying in age from four to sixteen. At the weekend I had all five of them and was exhausted when they went home, but I just love it.

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Good graffiti gone bad?

by Trevor Bevins

A DRAWING of a gun on the Damers Road rail bridge is to be replaced after town councillors decided it was inappropriate on a school route.

The weapon, a wild-west style six-shooter, had been painted on the bridge as part of a "good graffiti" project led by West Dorset District Council chair Gillian Summers, aided by artist Peter Sheridan and local youngsters.

On a Facebook page Mr Sheridan said that the image could be changed and has promised to again give his time for free to make the alterations.

Town councillor Susie Hosford told a meeting that it was not appropriate to have an image of a weapon on a school route. Her view as shared by members of the Dorchester Youth Council who will now consider what image might replace it.

But Mrs Summers said that there had been many positive comments about the artwork and that Network Rail, who had given permission for the project, were pleased with the results.

The work is part of a six-month street art project she set up in November 2013 as a way of detracting youngsters from putting graffiti in inappropriate area, costing council taxpayers to clear up after them.

One of the other sites is at St Michael's Trading Estate in Bridport.

THE gun image at Damer Road rail bridge

But despite the councillors comments most posts to the Facebook page were positive about the image, including one who wrote: "I really hope that the gun doesn't get painted out - It is not offensive in anyway. And who has the right to decide or try to censor what an artist creates... Wow! What a fuss over nothing."

Another pointed out that Mr Sheridan had removed a cigar from the gunfighter's mouth incase it was seen to encourage smoking while another post claimed that the image was far less offensive than a blue phallic symbol which has been on the bridge for months.

Council to flip switch on CCTV

SECURITY cameras in Dorchester town centre could be switched off from April after funding problems.

The town council has decided to drop its £17,000 a year payments after deciding the scheme no longer provides value for money.

Because of cuts at Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, where the cameras are monitored from, the cover has already been reduced to just the overnight period.

Previous statistics before the town council show that the 20 cameras around Dorchester detected little crime – typically incidents involving late-night drinking.

Thieves knick laptops

THIEVES entered a house in Monmouth Road through an insecure door and stole laptops, mobile phones and a clarinet on Saturday, January 25th.

On the same evening an attempt was made to steal fuel from a Ford Focus whilst it was parked in Queens Avenue, between 6pm and 11pm.

An attempt was made to force the fuel cap but the offender failed to access the fuel tank and nothing was stolen, although damage was caused to the car.

Catalytic convertors stolen

DORCHESTER police are appealing for information about thieves who stole a catalytic convertor from a Mercedes van parked in Dorchester's Icen Road.

Officers say the thieves must have had mechanical knowledge and will have taken some time to remove the convertor.

It was take overnight on Monday, January 27th January into the early hours of Tuesday 28th. The offenders stole the catalytic convertor from the van by cutting the wires and mounts from underneath the vehicle.

This is the second theft of a catalytic convertor from the Dorchester area in the last month.

If you saw anything suspicious or have any information please contact Dorset Police on 101 quoting Crime Number C:14:D:3815.

Revised wind farm plans to go on display

OBJECTORS to a proposed windfarm close to Puddletown and Tolpuddle say they are less than impressed with a new application for the site – and will maintain their opposition.

West Coast Energy is to hold a public exhibition next week to explain their "scaled down" application for the controversial site.

But objectors, TAINT and the Dorset branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, say whatever the size and extent of the proposals they still believe the site should not be used for wind turbines.

The exhibition will take place on Thursday, February 13th at Tolpuddle Village Hall, from 3pm to 8pm.

The revised proposal, for farmland north east of Dorchester, provides for the installation of five wind turbine generators each with a tip height of up to 115m and a generating capacity of 2 megawatts (MW). This would give the wind farm an overall installed capacity of 10MW. The wind farm is projected to generate enough renewable electricity to meet the annual domestic electricity consumption needs equivalent to around 5,500 homes.

The five turbine proposal replaces a nine turbine proposal which was formally withdrawn last October. Then the proposed machines were taller, at 126.5metres.

Steve Salt, West Coast Energy Planning and Public Affairs Director, said: "West Coast Energy is pleased to announce our public exhibition for the revised West Dorset Wind Farm proposal. Following the withdrawal of the nine turbine scheme last October we are now ready to present revised proposals that we feel accommodates the concerns raised in relation to scale and design.

"We have listened, mainly to the local community, and now welcome the opportunity to speak with local residents, councillors, organisations and local businesses about our revised renewable energy generation plans and economic investment in the area."

West Coast Energy has confirmed that Bethany Redley, South West Project Development Co-ordinator for National Energy Action, will also be attending the public exhibition.

Bethany will be running an energy advice surgery to advise local people on how to save money by reducing energy costs. Members of the local community are invited to have their energy efficiency questions answered, and free energy saving light bulbs will also be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Bethany said: "I'm really looking forward to meeting local people and offering them some effective energy advice. A lot of people are struggling with their energy costs in some way at the moment, so if anyone is looking for real practical advice on how to save money on their bills I hope they will come along."

THE windfarm site north east of Dorchester near Puddletown and Tolpuddle. Revised proposals will be on view next week

Wet weather to continue

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and possibly for the coming weekend.

Eastbound traffic on the Dorchester bypass near the Stadium Roundabout was again affected at the weekend and the West Stafford bypass continues to be affected by floodwater despite works towards the end of last year designed to solve the long-term problem.

Strong winds and heavy rain coinciding with high tides, full rivers and sodden ground increase the risk for residents of more flooding to come.

Warnings have been issued by the County Council to take care along coastal paths and on beaches with a risk of landslips remaining high.

At the weekend there were 32 flood warnings and 43 flood alerts issued by the Environment Agency for the South West, including the area from Dorchester to East Stoke near Wareham, West Stafford and Bockhampton.

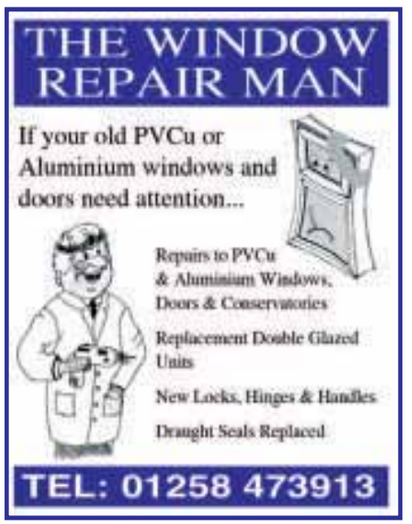
"River levels in the Lower Frome from Dorchester to East Stoke remain above flood warning thresholds.

"High groundwater levels are adding to river flow and existing high river levels will be raised still further if forecast rainfall occurs," said an Environment Agency spokesman.

All of the Winterbourne villages near Dorchester as well as Martinstown are being monitored by the agency as being potentially at risk from flood.

West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin has been meeting with farmers, Natural England and the Environment Agency to discuss finding a balance between clearing rivers to keep water flowing and protecting natural habitats.

"The measures will vary from location to location, but essentially, they are about clearing obstacles that have accumulated in streams and rivers."



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Council proposes tax rise

AT a cabinet meeting this week it was recommended that Dorset County Council consider an increase of 1.99 per cent for the council's part of next year's council tax.

The increase, the first in four years, will be discussed and decided upon at the full council meeting on February 13th.

This is a rise of 44p per week for a band D property, a total of £22.88 a year.

Councillor Robert Gould, Cabinet member for corporate resources, introduced the report: "Although we are still waiting for the Government's confirmation of the referendum limits, this increase should be below that value.

"I am confident that the basis for the budget is sound and that it will support the council for the substantial challenges that we face in the future.

"This is a modest increase to help us change the way we serve our residents."

The cabinet also recommended that the budget strategy is considered by the full council in February. This plan lays out the savings that need to be made in the next three financial years (£43.3million).

Councillor Spencer Flower, leader of the county council, said: "There are a lot of unknowns in the next few years. But we do know that we need to change the way we provide services to the residents of Dorset. By transforming rather than cutting services and with good financial management we will meet the challenges head on."

Complete survey and win food hamper

A HAMPER of Dorset food is on offer as a temptation to undertake a short online survey from the Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset group.

The survey is open until February 7th and can be found at www.clsdorset.org.uk.

CLS aims to increase the awareness, understanding and action taken by local people to adapt to changes in climate and to live more sustainable lifestyles.

All those who take part in the survey will have the option to enter a free prize draw to win a hamper of local food provided by the Real Food Shop, a mobile shop providing fruit, vegetables, dairy, and meat products produced by a co-operative of small holders in West Dorset, South Somerset and East Devon.

Emily Bullock, Greener Choices Co-ordinator for the CLS project said: "This survey is really important to us as it will help us to understand current attitudes and behaviour towards the environment.

"This will help shape our work, and provide a baseline against which to measure how much change we make. We are also delighted to support the Real Food Shop; with 25 per cent of all lorries on the road carrying food, sourcing food locally helps to cut greenhouse gas emissions as well as support the local economy."

The project in Dorset is supported by the Big Lottery Fund for a three year period from March 2013.

It aims to help people adapt to climate change and to live more sustainably. The project strives to act as a catalyst for action, building on the work already taking place in Bridport, Dorchester and their surrounding areas.

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Meet Dorchester's Youth Council

■ DORCHESTER mayor, Councillor Stella Jones is pictured with member of the Dorchester Youth Council, which held its first meeting in the town council chamber last week.

The Youth Council's meetings will coincide with the eight week cycle of the town council with its members, aged 13 to 18, giving their views on subjects being debated by the full council.

Youth Council members will also set out their own agenda and hope to move towards becoming elected within two years.

Free time exhibition opens at museum

AN exhibition based around people's memories of their leisure time in years past opens at the Dorset County Museum next week.

Free Time showcases the results of a project studying the changing nature of our leisure time over the last 60 years.

The project is being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and aims to capture and preserve the memories and stories of local people who used to, or still do, pursue hobbies that are less common than they were. The new archive will be housed at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester for future generations to study.

Joe Stevens, project leader, said: "When you look at old black and white photos or films it can look like a completely different age, but what we are hearing is that life today is not that different from times past." He added: "We are not just interested in people's memories from long ago, but also the recent past. We are hoping to feature a range of stories from 1945, right up to the present day."

Working with Dorset County Museum and the Dorset History Centre, the project has enabled young people to collaborate and share with the older population in a range of activities leading up to the exhibition.

Over recent weeks volunteers have been out in the community capturing local people's leisure time memories in Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland, and Sherborne. As well as the archive, there will also be a website and an app for a "Walking Museum" around Dorchester.

The Free Time exhibition will run at Dorset County Museum from February 15th until mid-May.

Pop the question over popcorn

LOVERS can make their Valentine's Day a moment to remember by proposing to their partner on the big screen of the Odeon Dorchester.

The Brewery Square-based cinema is giving one person the opportunity to propose to their loved one in front of a movie audience.

The winner will have their message played after the trailers at a film screening on the evening of Friday, February 14th.

Alan Escott, general manager at the ODEON Dorchester, said: "Everyone wants to make their marriage proposal as romantic and memorable as possible and what better way to declare your love to someone than on a big screen in full surround sound in front of fellow cinema-goers."

As well as the engagement becoming a cinematic event, the couple will receive two premiere tickets and a bottle of bubbly.

Those interested in popping the question to their loved one can do so by emailing gm.dorchester@odeonuk.com and the reason why they should be chosen by the cinema by Friday, February 7th.

Van fire blocks road

A BURNING van blocked the A35 Dorchester to Bridport road on Thursday evening.

The fire broke out just before 8pm outside the Morn Gate caravan park and was put out, without injuries, by Dorchester firefighters using two hose reel jets.

Band perform movie hits

DURNOVARIA Silver Band will be performing hits from the big screen at the Plaza this weekend.

The Sunday, February 7th concert starts at 7pm in screen three.

Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for those under 15 -years old.

The special event will raise money for the new community rooms being created at the former Methodist Chapel in Fordington which will be used for band practice with rooms also for hire to other community groups.

HAVING recently visited South West Coaches, I was met with a warm welcome at a privately owned, family run company. Upon entering reception I learnt that they run a number of excellent value holidays to a variety of different places, as well as many short breaks and day trips.

The business is owned by Mr and Mrs Alan Graham, who operate from three locations: Lufton Business Park in Yeovil, Southgate Road in Wincanton and Tradecroft Industrial Estate on the Isle of Portland.

In 1987 Mr & Mrs Graham went into business buying a third of a company called A. G. Hulbert and Son. A.G. Hulbert and Son operated from Victoria Road, Yeovil and successfully ran a fleet of around 14 minibuses which ranged from 8 seats to 24 seats. The vehicles were used to transport children and adults to various schools in and around Yeovil, they also specialised in PHAB transportation (Physically Handicapped Able Bodied). Mr Graham's passion for the bus industry was soon realised and he grew the company over a period of 13 years adding day excursions & holidays to his portfolio. The fleet also grew at which point an opportunity came his way...

In 2000 a local company called Wakes Services came on the market. This company was based in Wincanton which posed a different set of challenges. Knowing that the operation in Yeovil was becoming larger Mr Graham decided to merge A.G. Hulbert & Son with Wakes Services thus creating South West Coaches Ltd. The company was now providing minibus transport, school transport, public transport and private hire work alongside day excursions and holiday tours but this time on a much larger scale as the company was now in ownership of a fleet of large buses and coaches taking the total fleet size to in excess of 50 vehicles. The Victoria Road site was quickly sold and a yard on Lufton Business Park was purchased. Over the following years Mr & Mrs Graham became the sole owners of South West Coaches Ltd.

South West Coaches went from strength to strength and in 2007 Safeway Services came on the market and a purchase agreement was made. In the same year Yeovil Town saw a major boost to its infrastructure with four brand new Optare Solo buses, this was soon followed by a new Optare Versa for the 81 South Petherton service and an additional new vehicle to the No 1 Shepton Mallet service. The most recent purchase came in 2009 when they entered Dorset and purchased an operation on the Isle of Portland, Sureline was now part of the South West Coaches group.

They are currently one of the largest privately owned coach operators in the South West of England, employing over 120 members of staff, with a fleet of 98 vehicles. They continue to operate Bus Services throughout Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset with more than 629,000 journeys every year. The School transport operation helps to get in excess of 2,500 students to and from School and College every day, and the day excursion programme offers more than 150 days out throughout the year, whilst the 2014 Tour programme has over 20 holidays & short breaks to choose from.

Audition for talent contest

HOPEFUL entrants in the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust talent competition will take to the stage at Charlton Down this weekend in the local heat of the new event.

The other local audition will be held on Saturday, March 8th at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park at Burton Bradstock.

There will also be auditions in Blandford on February 22nd in Sherborne on Saturday March 1st.

Talents scouts will be at the final on March 15th at the Freshwater Beach Holiday Park.

The winner of the competition will get £500 in cash, donated by the Hive Beach Café and a family holiday at Freshwater Beach.

The competition is open to any talent and entrants have to register by visiting www.weldhospice.org.uk/talent or by phoning 01305 261800.

Age UK snowdrop tour

AGE UK Dorchester will be running a special trip to Compton Valence next week to see the display of snowdrops throughout the village.

Weather permitting the trip will take place on Tuesday, February 11th.

The visit will include a stop at the village hall for homemade refreshments and a hot drink. The cost of the minibus from Age UK Dorchester will be £3. Please call 01305 269444 and ask for Lucy or Carol for more information or to book your place.

Business breakfast

ALISON Moore from Kingston Maurward College will be talking about why training sometimes fails – and how to avoid the problem at the next meeting of the Dorvil Business Club on Friday, February 7th.

The club, which meets for breakfast at the George Albert Hotel at Wardon Hill, is designed to get businesses in the Dorchester, Bridport and Yeovil area together.

Alison's talk, "10 Reasons Training Fails & How to avoid them", will be given during the meeting, which starts at 6.45am for a 7.15am breakfast, ending by 8.30am. It costs £5 to include a full English breakfast.

YOUNGSTERS at Damers First School have been busy making smoothie drinks – using their own leg power.

Pupils on the School Council came up with the idea of powering a drinks machine by using a bicycle and were helped in their quest by staff from Sustrans, the sustainable transport group.

The event also had the added bonus of raising £300 for the Phillipines Typhoon relief programme – with the resulting drinks consumed by the cyclists and other pupils.

Pictured are pupils from the school council, teacher Miss Rickard, Jonathan Dixon and Bike It Plus officer from Sustrans, who is based at county hall, Dorchester.

Ladies sing for church funds

"SERENADE" will be giving a charity concert at Sydling St Nicholas Village Hall this Sunday, February 9th at 3pm.

The event includes a cream tea and costs £7.50.

Serenade is a ladies ensemble of three singers and a keyboard accompanist, based in Dorchester, who perform a wide range of light music with skill and humour.

Tickets are £7.50 each - to include a cream tea - from Charles Cordy (01300 341618) or Angela Shaw (01300 341593). Early booking is recommended. All proceeds will go to St Nicholas Church funds.

New drama workshops

NEW drama workshops are about to start at Dorchester Arts Centre.

Organisers say the events are a good way to gain confidence and meet new people in a relaxed, friendly environment.

The workshops include games and improvisation and will be held on Thursdays from 10.30am until noon from this week, February 6th, until March 13th.

To book a place contact Carl Woodward at Dorchester Arts on 266926 or email: involve@dorchesterarts.org.uk

Night fever fundraiser

A SATURDAY Night Fever themed fundraising event is being held at Dorchester TA centre next week.

The event is part of the attempts by two local people who will be running the London Marathon in April to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

The event starts at 7.30pm with participants being encouraged to come along in fancy dress.

Tickets cost £12 and are available by calling 07808 242914.

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Recruitment drive boost for law firm

DORSET and Somerset solicitors firm, Humphries Kirk, has boosted its recruitment drive by welcoming experts in areas such as private client, conveyancing, commercial and family law.

In the last six months alone, the law firm has recruited an additional 12 employees to its offices throughout Dorset, including Dorchester to support its continuing development.

These new roles spread across a variety of business functions including client facing, client support, accounts and office staff. All of which focus on providing a high quality service.

Ellie Evans, HR manager for Humphries Kirk is looking forward to another busy year.

She said: "It's a great time for everyone at Humphries Kirk with these appointments bringing value-adding skill sets to an already successful and motivated workforce.

"We focus our recruitment strategy on securing the most talented, career-driven individuals who share our passion for personal development and sustained success."

Katharine Jones, solicitor and partner at Humphries Kirk is delighted that business is flourishing. She said: "It's a huge achievement for us to continue to grow each year and enable more individuals to have access to our law expertise which spans 300 years."

Humphries Kirk provides legal expertise to private and commercial clients, with eight offices across Dorset and Somerset as well as consulting rooms in Yeovil and London.

THE Dorchester Strollers before leaving for their walk

Strollers welcome mayor to party

DORCHESTER Strollers welcomed the mayor, Councillor Stella Jones, to a pre-party walk.

Following the walk, hikers returned to the Corn Exchange for refreshments which was followed by the Mayor presenting Volunteer Awards Certificates to leaders and also Save a Life First Aid Certificates to those who had recently undertaken the course.

After the raffle, there was a picture quiz of places and things seen on walks, finishing the afternoon with pass the parcel.

Dorchester Strollers are part of the national Walking for Health scheme and hold walks every Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon.

Programmes can be obtained from Dorchester Tourist Information Centre or by ringing 01305 263759.

MAYOR, Stella Jones, with Leaders and their certificates

Flying the flag for Eco Schools

ST Marys School in Charminster has been awarded their Green Flag, under Keep Britain Tidy's British ECO School programme.

Only two other schools in the area have achieved the honour - St Osmunds, Dorchester and Puddletown.

The school will be officially presented with the flag at a ceremony in Dorchester on March 5th.

Bishop returns to roots

THE Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Reverend Michael Perham, was at St Mary's Church, to celebrate Candlemas on Sunday, February 2nd.

The Bishop has strong Dorchester connections – his grandfather, Harry Perham, was organist of St Peter's and married his grandmother there with his father singing in the choir, as a boy. His other grandparents, Frank and Marcelle Barton worshipped at St Mary's from the 1930s – his grandfather, an architect, also designed the church hall.

The Bishop's parents returned to Dorchester after the Second World War, settling in South Walks Road, and becoming members of St George's. His mother later returning to St Mary's until 2010 when she moved to a nursing home at Broadstone.

The Bishop himself was baptised at St George's and confirmed in St Mary's.

Writing in the parish magazine he said: "I have always had a sense of belonging to all three churches of the Dorchester Team…and have continued to have a real interest in the life of the Dorchester churches and I do remember them each week in my prayers."

Musical volunteers needed

LEONARD Cheshire in Dorchester is looking for a volunteer with an interest and skill in musical activities.

The charity, which looks after young adults and children with disabilities, say this might be by playing an instrument or singing. Experience of carework or groupwork would also be beneficial. The location is at Redwood House at Charlton Down. The amount of time needed is flexible.

Leonard Cheshire aims to assist disabled people, regardless of their colour, race or creed, by providing conditions for their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. As a volunteer you would help facilitate interactive musical activities for a group.

If you are interested and would like to find out more please get in contact with Hilary Campbell on 01305 213815 or email hilary.campbell@lcdisability.org.

Army students pass out with parade

STUDENTS completing the Army Preparation course at Kingston Maurward displayed their drill skills with military precision at their Passing Out Parade.

The students were put through a series of military exercises in front of friends and families, followed by an inspection by College Principal Clare Davison.

Throughout the 18 week full-time course students train for the military selection process through fitness and exercise, teambuilding and confidence training, and are then graded on their performance.

In addition to the formal classroom and regimented fitness programmes they participate in kayaking, canoeing, climbing and outdoor pursuits.

Kingston Maurward College works closely with the British Army Outreach Team to ensure students set on a military career are given the correct training in preparation for their future roles.

Course Tutor Ryan Evans said: "I am incredibly proud of my students – their commitment and fitness levels are second to none, and their respect for the college has in turn gained them respect. They are an asset to us - we wish them every success for the future."

The next 18 week Army Preparation course starts on February 24th.

For more information visit www.kmc.ac.uk.

ARMY preparation course students from Kingston Maurward College

MOTHER Goose (Andrew Brewer) & Priscilla (Alex Gibson)

It's panto time!

TICKETS for the Crossways Pantomimers version of "Mother Goose" are on sale for the Village Hall performances in the coming days.

Mother Goose is a traditional family pantomime written by parish council chairman, handbell ringer and local Scout Group Leader, Andrew Brewer.

First performed in 1989, it has been revised and updated by the author for its 25th anniversary.

It tracks the careers of Mother Goose - an aging would-be beauty, her son Simple Simon - a youthful would-be romantic, Baron Blueblood - a mean and greedy landlord and his beautiful daughter Bessie.

Their trials and tribulations are aided and abetted by the acquisition of a goose that lays golden eggs.

Its subsequent exchange for the secret of "youth and beauty" threatens the fulfilment of all concerned. But is there a happy ending?

To find out - the first performance takes place on Friday, February 7th at 7.30pm with Saturday, February 8th seeing two performances; at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for children and can be found at either of the village shops.

Help is at hand with CAB

DORCHESTER Citizens Advice Bureau helper Louise Capaldi-Tallon is using her legal knowledge to help with clients problems.

Louise was studying for a law degree when she found a work experience placement with the CAB in Bournemouth. After graduating from Bournemouth University she joined the team at Dorchester.

She now works as a supervisor, deals with specialist case work, particularly with welfare issues as well as those involving tribunals and appeals, and is part of a CAB and Macmillan Cancer Support partnership project.

Dorset Macmillan Citizens Advice Service is now in its fourth year and includes a walk-in outreach service at Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester to give free and independent expert advice to cancer patients and their families.

The bureau has found that four out of five cancer patients face an average cost of £570 a month as a result of their illness and more than 90 per cent suffer a loss in income.

Louise said: "Cancer patients are not just having to cope with their illness and treatment.

"For many it means unexpected expense as well, such as the cost of travelling to hospital appointments and having to have extra heating at home. And they can lose income if they can't work.

"They might need help for the first time in their lives – and a particularly difficult time for them and their families. Some of the scenarios are dreadfully sad but I've been involved with the CAB since I was 19 and the training and experience helps. I know the bureau is a great support to people when they need it most.

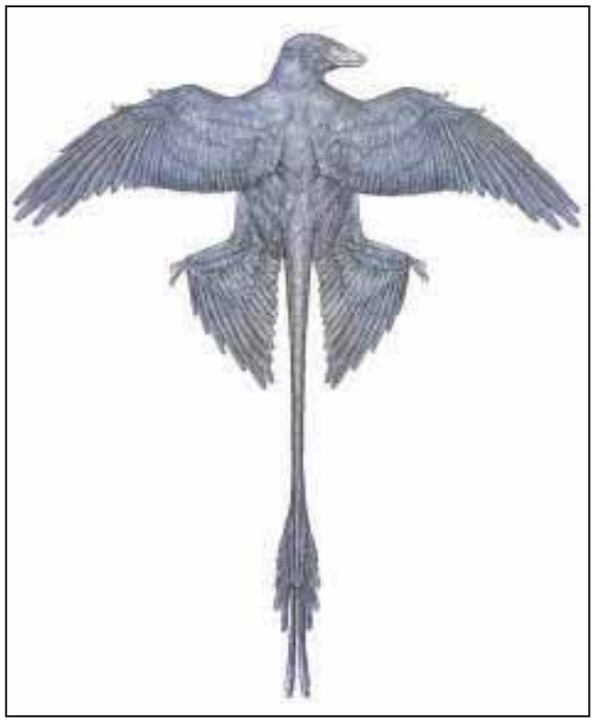
"A lot of my Macmillan cases involve visiting clients at home so I travel round quite a big area of Dorset. Knowing that we are really helping people is extremely satisfying. And, of course, many people get well again.

"I really enjoy all aspects of the work. I am pleased to use my experience and knowledge to help people with a whole range of problems."

Daniel Cadisch, manager of the Dorchester, Sherborne and Districts CAB, said: "Typically, people who work for the bureau or get involved as volunteers come to the CAB after doing other things – many have retired from their careers. Louise is our youngest member of staff and is very much a vital part of our team.

"Clients speak highly of Louise for her advice and for her helpful, pleasant manner at a difficult time in their lives."

■ LOUISE Capaldi-Tallon from Dorchester CAB



■ MICRORAPTOR – a small feathered dinosaur which will feature in a talk next week at the County Musuem

What is a bird?

A TALK at Dorset County Museum by Dr Gareth Dyke of Southampton University next week aims to answer an ongoing question among paleontologists: What is a Bird?

Using fossil evidence, Dr Dyke will unfold the history of birds and their dinosaur predecessors through a study of their anatomical diversity as well as lifestyles and habitats.

He will discuss recent fossil discoveries which show key stages in the refinement of parachuting, gliding and – maybe – flapping flight.

Dr Dyke will also explain how birds managed to survive the massive extinctions at the end of the Cretaceous period which killed every remaining non-avian dinosaur.

The talk takes place next Wednesday, February 12th at 6.30pm – entry is free and a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs.

Doors open at 6.30pm with the museum café open from then. The talk will commence at 7pm.

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Don't face blindness alone

by Trevor Bevins

ALMOST 5,000 Dorset residents registered as blind or partially sighted are aged 75 or older – many of them facing problems of isolation, according to the Dorset Blind Association.

The association says that as people grow older social networks break down as friends and relatives pass away and many who came to the county to retire often find themselves coping alone.

A report by the NatCen social research body claims the older blind and visually impaired have difficulties trying to access health services, feel a lower sense of wellbeing, are more prone to lack self-confidence and feel their overall health is adversely affected. This group of people are also more prone to depression.

"So many live alone and often have other challenges such as age related hearing loss and/or other physical health problems or mobility restrictions commonly associated with older age," Dorset Blind Association Chief Executive officer Jonathan Holyhead explains.

"That is why the work carried out by the Dorset Blind Association and its volunteers is so vital."

"For those who have no local family support the Dorset Blind Association becomes the replacement and we quickly become the re-assurance or safety net which they need in their lives.

"As one elderly lady recently said, 'I would not like to try and cope without the Dorset Blind Association and the people who work there. I like knowing that I can phone for help when I need it and someone will always come and help me'.

"We want to continue providing that help for as long as we can and for as many people as we can."

For more information about the Dorset Blind Association visit www.dorsetblind.org.uk.

DORSET Blind Association Chief Executive officer Jonathan Holyhead

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Volunteers needed for verge survey

VOLUNTEERS are needed to survey roadside verges throughout the South Dorset Ridgeway area.

The Lottery-funded South Dorset Ridgeway Project will see volunteers visit each section of verge a minimum of twice during the growing season of 2014.

Verges will then be assessed for their wildlife value and their potential for improvement. A contractor will then be engaged to carry out appropriate restoration and enhancement management of selected sites during the following season of 2015.

During the remaining three years of the project, to 2018, these verges will be monitored for any signs of improvement.

"Roadside Verges are a very important part of our landscape adding to the beauty of the area, but they are also very important corridors for wildlife. You can play your part in helping to identify the best," said Joy Wallis at Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Volunteers should be reasonably fit and able to enter their findings online, for which training will be given, if needed.

For further information contact Joy Wallis, Community Conservation Officer. - jwallis@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or telephone 07891 009951.

TYPICAL roadside verge – subject of a study in the South Dorset Ridgeway area this year

Hospital looking to recruit board members

DORSET County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is on the lookout for two new non-executive directors to join its board.

Applications are invited from people with board or senior-level experience and expertise in accountancy and/or commerce, and those who are established figures in the local community.

Trust Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood said: "We are looking for exceptional individuals who are passionate about and committed to improving the standards of clinical care.

"The successful candidates will join a dynamic board, providing vision and leadership to the trust. They will directly contribute to making a positive difference to the lives of our local community."

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust serves a population of over 210,000, providing a comprehensive range of general and acute services from a modern 400-bed hospital and county-wide renal services.

Through its clinical workforce it aims to deliver compassionate and safe healthcare to all patients and service users.

Informal enquiries about the non-executive posts are actively encouraged. Contact Dr Jeffrey Ellwood on 01305 254643.

The deadline for applications is February, February 28th, with interviews being held on April 4th.

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PINK Sea Fan on cod Ledge at Lyme Bay Photo by Mike Markey

New byelaws protecting seabed habitats welcomed

THE Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) has welcomed the announcement from Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Southern IFCA) of two new byelaws to protect high risk and sensitive marine habitats in Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

These byelaws will now protect reef and seagrass habitats in European Marine Sites (EMS) from potentially damaging mobile fishing gear, such as dredges and trawls, and bait gathering practices.

In Dorset, these EMS's lie within the areas of: Lyme Bay; Studland to Portland; Chesil and The Fleet and Poole Harbour. Enforcement of these byelaws means that up to 25 per cent of the total Southern IFCA district area will be permanently closed to high impact, damaging mobile fishing methods.

The new byelaws include the prohibition of bottom towed fishing gear and gathering in seagrass beds.

DWT Marine Conservation Officer, Emma Rance said: "These byelaws represent a great step forward in conservation.

"Rocky reef habitats support slow growing sponges and corals. Eelgrass meadows provide a nursery for juvenile commercial fish species and sea horses. Both habitats are vulnerable to irreversible damage when dredged or trawled.

"The byelaws will prevent any further habitat loss and in doing so, maintain the health, productivity and economic value of the marine environment for fishermen and conservationists alike."

Many of the fishing methods used to catch the 40 different commercial species in Dorset are static in nature and have a low impact on seabed habitats. These methods include rod and line, pots, traps and gill nets. The low impact traditional fishery is recommended through Dorset Wildlife Trust's Great Dorset Seafood campaign, which supports the sale of seafood caught using environmentally sensitive methods.

Visit www.greatdorsetseafood.org for more information.

BABY Pollack in seagrass Photo by Peter Tinsley

Join the coast to coast cycle challenge for air ambulance

RIDERS are being sought for this year's Coast to Coast bicycle challenge to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The ride, more than 54 miles from the north Somerset coast to West Bay, will take place on May 18th.

For those not keen on the full distance a shorter 11-mile route will start at Drimpton, finishing at West Bay on the same day.

Numbers for the event are restricted to 600 with riders using quiet roads, where possible.

More than £60,000 was raised last year from the event.

Details on how to enter can be found on the air ambulance website – www.dsairambulance.org.uk.

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Dorset's businesses

STAFF from Greenwood Grange, Dorchester collect the bronze award for Self Catering Establishment Of The Year award

TOURISM businesses from across Dorset were celebrating in Plymouth last week at the South West Tourism Excellence Awards.

Sixty six awards were presented to businesses from across the south west with Dorset's tourism sector well represented.

The awards broke the previous records for entries, with a new awards scheme in Dorset attracting entries from the east of the region, which saw more than 350 entires considered.

Among the winners from Dorset were Highlands End Holiday Park from Bridport which took gold in the Holiday Park Of The Year Category, The Dorset Seafood Festival in Weymouth took Silver in The Tourism Event of the Year award and Lyme Regis Touirst Information won bronze in the Tourist Information Service of the Year award.

Beaminster's BridgeHouse Hotel was nmaed highly commended in the Small Hotel of the Year and Dorchester's Greenwood Grange won bronze in the Self Catering Establisment of the Year category.

Up to four Award winners from each category in this year's awards will all go on to represent the region at the National Enjoy England Awards for Excellence in May.

Chair of Judges, Alistair Handyside, said: "It's that time of year when the tourism industry get together to present the top businesses in our region with their well-deserved awards. This year we have had the most entries ever and the most challenging judging, the list of finalists really does look like a who's who of the best in the South West. Once again the entrants have surpassed themselves in showing that investment, innovation and creativity remain at the heart of the visitor economy in the region."

The winners of the South West Tourism Awards were:

Bed & Breakfast And Guest Accommodation Of The Year - Sponsored by e-Strategy: Gold - Pentillie Castle, St Mellion, Cornwall; Silver - The Seafood Restaurant , Padstow, Cornwall; Bronze - Launceston Farm B&B, Blandford Forum, Dorset and Pendragon Country House, Davidstow, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - The Elmdene, Torquay, Devon and The Village Pub, Cirencester, Glos.

Self Catering Establishment Of The Year - Sponsored by Pavey Group: Gold - Headland Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall; Silver - Seahorse Apartments & Westward Living at Duckhaven Stud, Westward Ho! Devon; Bronze - The Big House Company, Wellington, Somerset and Greenwood Grange, Dorchester, Dorset; and Highly Commended - Little White Alice, Carnmenellis, Cornwall and West Pitt Farm, Tiverton, Devon.

Tourism Event Of The Year - Sponsored by A Head for PR: Gold - Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival, Salisbury, Wilts; Silver - Dorset Seafood Festival, Weymouth, Dorset and Falmouth Oyster Festival, Falmouth, Cornwall; Bronze - RNAS

DORSET Seafood Festival based in Weymouth wins the silver award for Tourism Event of the Year

top tourism awards

HIGHLAND'S End Holiday Park won gold for Holiday Park of the Year award

Yeovilton International Air Day, Yeovilton, Somerset; and Highly Commended - Exeter Festival of South West Food & Drink, Exeter, Devon and Veuve Clicquot Polo on the Peach, Watergate Bay, Cornwall.

Holiday Park Of The Year - Sponsored by Stephens Scown solicitors: Gold - Highlands End Holiday Park, Bridport, Dorset; Silver - Wooda Farm Holiday Park, Poughill, Cornwall; Bronze - Cofton Country Holidays, Dawlish, Devon and Gwel an Mor Resort, Portreath, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - Finlake Holiday Park, Chudleigh, Devon; The Park Mawgan Porth, Mawgan Porth, Cornwall; Perran Sands Holiday Park, Perranporth, Cornwall and South Lytchett Manor Caravan and Camping Park, Lytchett Minster, Dorset.

Tourist Information Service Of The Year - Sponsored by Quality in Tourism: Gold - English Riviera Visitor Information Service, Devon; Silver - Dartmouth Tourist Information Centre, Devon

Bronze - Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre, Dorset and Poole Welcome Centre, Dorset; and Highly Commended - Bodmin Visitor Information Centre, Cornwall; Ilfracombe Tourist Information Centre, Devon and Launceston TIC, Cornwall.

Venue & Business Tourism Award - Sponsored by Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking: Gold - Arundell Arms Hotel, Lifton, Devon;

Silver - Deer Park Country House Hotel, Weston, Devon; and Bronze - Dartington Hall, Dartington, Devon.

Small Visitor Attraction Of The Year - Sponsored by Resort South West: Gold - National Trust Coleridge Cottage, Nether Stowey, Somerset; Silver - Geevor Tin Mine, Pendeen, Cornwall; Bronze - St Austell Brewery Visitor Centre, St Austell, Cornwall and Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life, Tiverton, Devon; and Highly Commended - National Trust Trerice, Kestle Mill, Cornwall and Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary, Looe, Cornwall.

Tourism Activity, Sport & Experience Of The Year - Sponsored by Moore Scarrott: Gold - Calvert Trust Exmoor, Kentisbury, Devon;

Silver - Arundell Arms Hotel, Lifton, Devon and National Trust Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset; Bronze - Polkerris Beach, Polkerris, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - Big Zoo Animals Keeper Experience at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Wraxall, Somerset and Le Vignoble, Plymouth, Devon.

Tourism Superstar Award For Customer Service - Sponsored by The Met Office: Joint Gold - Dickon Allen from Montacute House, Montacute, Somerset and Matt Druce from Westward Living at Duckhaven Stud, Westward Ho! Devon; and Joint Silver - Geof Curtis from Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset and Christine Hornsby from Perran Sands Holiday Park, Perranporth, Cornwall.

Taste Of South West Award - Sponsored by Hale Events: Joint Gold - Bybrook Restaurant at the Manor House, Castle Combe, Wilts and River Cottage Canteen & Deli, Plymouth, Devon; Joint Silver - Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne, Dorset and The Herring, Mawgan Porth, Cornwall; Highly Commended - Juliet's Garden Restaurant & Bar, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly; Northcote Manor Country House Hotel, Umberleigh, Devon; Porthminster Beach Cafe, St Ives, Cornwall and Tudor Farmhouse Hotel & Restaurant, Clearwell, Glos.

Tourism Pub Of The Year - Sponsored by Purple Cloud Consultancy: Gold - Pandora Inn, Mylor, Cornwall; Silver - The Cornish Arms, St Merryn, Cornwall and Start Bay Inn, Torcross Devon; Bronze - The New Inn, Tresco, Isles of Scilly; and Highly Commended - The Inn at Cranborne, Cranborne, Dorset; The Jack in the Green, Rockbeare, Devon and The Lamb Inn, Sandford, Devon.

Sustainable Tourism Award - Sponsored by Plymouth University, School of Tourism & Hospitality; Gold - Little White Alice, Carnmenellis, Cornwall; Silver - Compton Pool Farm, Marldon, Devon; Bronze - Arundell Arms Hotel, Lifton, Devon and Railholiday, St Germans, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - Hedgehog Corner, Uplyme, Devon and Pennywell Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Large Visitor Attraction Of The Year - Sponsored by Take One Media: Gold - Longleat, Warminster, Wilts; Silver - The Big Sheep, Bideford, Devon; Bronze - Cotehele, Saltash, Cornwall and Trebah Garden, Mawnan Smith, Cornwall; Highly Commended - Eden Project, Bodelva, Cornwall; The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Pentewan, Cornwall; RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington, Devon and Pennywell Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Access For All Award - Sponsored by Tourism for All: Gold - Calvert Trust Exmoor, Kentisbury, Devon; Silver - A Little Bit of Heaven, Lostwithiel, Cornwall and Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle, Dorset; Bronze - Countryside Mobility South West, Exeter, Devon; and Highly Commended - Wingz Bird & Animal Sanctuary, Par, Cornwall.

Large Hotel Of The Year - Sponsored by Hotel Perfect: Gold - Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa, Colerne, Wilts; Silver - Headland Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall and The Manor House Hotel & Golf Club, Castle Combe, Wilts; Bronze - Bedruthan Hotel & Spa, Mawgan Porth, Cornwall.

Small Hotel Of The Year - Sponsored by Buckleigh Linen Services

Gold - The Old Rectory Hotel, Martinhoe, Devon; Silver - Hell Bay Hotel, Bryher, Isles of Scilly; Bronze - Barnsley House Hotel, Cirencester, Glos and Talland Bay Hotel, Looe, Cornwall; Highly Commended - The Alverton, Truro. Cornwall; BridgeHouse Hotel, Beaminster, Dorset; and Percy's Country Hotel, Virginstow, Devon.

Winner Of Winners - Sponsored by First Great Western: Calvert Trust Exmoor, Kentisbury, Devon.

Special Award For Water Management - Source for Business: Pennywell Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon

Outstanding Contribution To Tourism: The South West Coast Path.

STAFF from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre win bronze in the Tourist Information Service of the Year category

Love is in the Air

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the help of these local businesses

The Story of St.Valentine

IN 270 A.D., marriage had been outlawed by the emperor of Rome, Claudius II. Claudius issued this decree because he thought that married men made bad soldiers since they were reluctant to be torn away from their families in the case of war. Claudius had also outlawed Christianity in this time period because he wished to be praised as the one supreme god, the Emperor of Rome. Valentine was the bishop of Interamna during this period of oppression. Valentine thought that the decrees of Rome were wrong. He believed that people should be free to love God and to marry. Valentine invited the young couples of the area to come to him. When they came, Valentine secretly performed services of matrimony and united the couples.

Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men. Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained her sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.

The Millside Restaurant

COME and join us at the Millside Restaurant this valentines day, situated by the picturesque Town Mill in Lyme Regis. We will be serving our valentines menu on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th February with the choice of two courses for £23 or three courses for £28 both to include complimentary bread sorbet and coffee. We have been closed for our annual break and will re-open on February 13th with a newly decorated Bistro area.

Open from Tuesday - Saturday for coffee from 10.30am, lunch is served from 12-2.30 and dinner from 6.30-9.30pm. Every dish is freshly prepared in our kitchen using only the best local produce. Don't forget we also serve a delicious Sunday Roast each week from 12pm.

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Valentine's Menu
14th, 15th February 2014

Starters

Roasted carrot, toasted fennel seed and blood orange soup. Sourdough bread.

Goats cheese souffle, walnuts, watercress, smoked tomato sauce.

Beef scotch egg, pear puree, raddichio.

Beetroot cured salmon, pickled cucumbers, creme fraiche.

Scallop and sea bass carpaccio, pickled baby vegetables, chilli lime yogurt.

Mojito Sorbet

Main Courses

Sirloin steak, smoked tomatoes, creamed mushrooms, braised shallots, garlic butter, triple cooked chips.

Pulled Pork, black pudding, red cabbage, duchess potato, pork jus.

Steamed sea bass, potato and parsnip rosti, julienne of vegetables, white wine reduction.

Grilled Cod, white bean stew, mussels, bacon.

Roasted squash and artichoke risotto, pickled walnuts, watercress, Parmesan toast.

Roasted and smoked celeriac, spinach and cave aged cheddar tart, celeriac puree, roasted root vegetables.

Desserts

Chocolate and pistachio fondant, chambord ice cream.

Lemon tart, vanilla ice cream, toasted fennel brandy snap.

Baked custard, poached rhubarb, toasted almonds, orange biscuit.

Blood orange and passion fruit soup, cardamom cream, hazelnut brittle.

Coffee and a homemade biscotti

Two courses £23, Three courses £28
Complimentary bread, sorbet and coffee included.
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*Registrar fee still applies

Belle Vere

It's Time to Treat that 'Special Someone' for Valentine's Day!

WITH Valentine's Day fast approaching, why not contact Belle Vere Beauty Salon in Dorchester to purchase a gift voucher for that special someone in your life?

The Beauty Salon is situated at 3 Royal Mews, Princes Street, Dorchester just up the road from Argos, on the opposite side.

Why not purchase a voucher as a present for Valentine's Day, so that the special person in your life can choose from a range of treatments, which are carried out there.

The Salon is offering a 'Valentine's Special' of a 1 hour mini facial and back massage for £35, and there is another offer of a 45minute pedicure for £20 – both of these offers lasting for the whole of February. Other treatments that the Salon provides include Gelish manicures and pedicures, Dermalogica facials, waxing and electrolysis.

Belle Vere have a loyalty scheme operating and regular monthly offers – all to help you save money.

For further details please contact Laura or Kim on 01305 268500 or email beauty@belle-vere.co.uk.

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The Royal Standard

Valentine's Day Menu

Served from 5.30pm – 9pm on Valentine's Day only. Set menu only available with a booking.

£19.95 including 3 courses, a glass of wine & table service.

To Start ~ Love at First Sight

Roasted tomato & red pepper soup *with crusty bread. (G.F.soup)*
Coquilles St. Jacques (baked scallop gratin) *with a salad garnish. (can be G.F.)*
Antipasto for 1 or 2 to share *consisting of a selection of cured meats, a salad garnish, feta, mixed olives & sundried tomatoes with a side of homemade bread & olive oil, honey & balsamic vinegar dressing. (G.F. without bread)*

Main Course ~ A Marriage made in Heaven

Mild vegetable curry
served with rice, a poppadum & mango chutney. (V. & G.F without poppadum)
8oz rump steak
served with chips, peas, homemade onion rings & either stilton or peppercorn sauce.
Cod Loin
in a lemon beurre blanc with dauphinois potatoes & roasted vegetables. (G.F.)
Sliced chicken & pesto linguine
with olives, sundried tomatoes & parmesan shavings. (also available without chicken).

Dessert – Happily Ever After

Lemon Meringue Pie
Melted Chocolate Heaven for 1 or 2 to share
a pot of melted milk chocolate & the same of white chocolate with strawberries, marshmallows, shortbread & meringue to dip in them.
Cheese Board
with cheddar, stilton, brie, apple, pineapple & onion chutney & crackers.

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12.00pm - 2.00pm
6.00pm - 8.45pm

Friday 14th February & Saturday 15th February

Four course Valentines Candlelit Dinner £32.50

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Starters

Steamed Asparagus Spears
with a Soft Poached Egg and Hollandaise Sauce
Pan Seared Lyme Bay King Scallops
with Crispy Bacon Lardons and Black Pudding with a Honey and Lemon Dressing
Chefs Homemade Smooth Chicken Liver Parfait
served with Melba Toast and Sweet onion chutney
Twiced Baked Ricotta and Spinach Soufflé
Light Baked Soufflé and Ricotta Cheese and Buttered Spinach served upon a Pool of Mornay Sauce
Royal Parisienne Melon Ball Cocktail
with Strawberries, Passion Fruit and Kiwi, Laced with Archers
Steamed Cornish Mussels and Crevettes
In a Classic Mariniere Sauce

Intermediate Course

Champagne Sorbet

Main Course

Tournedos Rossini
Prime Fillet of Beef Presented with Fois Gras and Italian White Summer Truffle Upon a Buttered Crouton and then drizzled with a Madeira Demi Glaze
Noissettes of Dorset lamb
Pan roasted and nestled on a layer of Buttered Spinach, served with a Redcurrant, Rosemary and Red wine Jus
Slow Roasted Belly of Pork
With Crisp Crackling and Glazed with Spiced Apple and Calvados Sauce
Succulent Chicken, Wilted Spinach and Green Pesto Roulades
Wrapped with Prosciutto Ham and served in a Pool of Chardonnay and a Field Mushroom Sauce
Lightly Grilled Delice of Sea Bass
Accompanied by a Tiger Prawn and ginger Risotto, With Crispy Sage Leaves and a Sweet Red Pepper Coulis
Chefs Seafood Tagliatelle
King Scallops, Mussels, Tiger Prawns and Salmon in a Piquant Tomato Sauce served with Fresh Steamed Tagliatelle

Sweets

Chocolate Profiteroles
Filled with Bailey's Irish Cream and Covered with Belgium Chocolate
Chefs Red Berry Eton Mess
Served in a Brandy Snap Basket with Spun Sugar
Strawberry Mille Fueille
Layered Heart Shaped Sweet Puff Pastry, Interleaved with Fresh Strawberries and Chantilly cream, Drizzled with Belgium Chocolate Sauce
Warm Poached Pears
Sweet tasting Comice Pear in a Rich Port, Orange and Star Anise Sauce
Passion Fruit Panne Cotta
With a Blackberry Coulis
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Symondsbury Kitchen

THE most recent transformation on Symondsbury Estate is the new café – *Symondsbury Kitchen*.

The Symondsbury Kitchen offers a selection of seasonal locally sourced and home cooked food, and the ethos is to offer delicious food in the most stunning and relaxing surroundings.

Seating up to 30 people inside, and the same amount outside in the warmer months, it's the ideal spot for lunch. There is also a relaxing corner, where you can "chill out" on the sofas and soak up the warm and cosy ambience whilst enjoying afternoon tea with cake.

Currently open from Thursday through to Sunday for Breakfast, Lunch and afternoon teas, delicious home-made cakes, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, cold drinks, and daily special lunches. All are welcome including dogs!

Friday, February 14th will see the Kitchen opening in the evening for the first time – offering a Valentine's Meal. The guest chef is Nick Holt of Dorset Fine Dining – two and three courses are available, and bookings are essential.

Late last year, Symondsbury Estate transformed a somewhat disheveled Milking Shed into Symondsbury Kitchen. Its now hard to believe that this beautiful café used to house around 30 cows and two milkmaids! Sympathetic renovations have transformed this building whilst still managing to retain many of the original features and character.

We have also created an 8km XC mountain bike and walking trail, which starts and finishes at Manor Yard, making Symondsbury Kitchen the perfect place to gather after a winter walk or bike ride through the stunning countryside.

Tea parties for children can be arranged, and the venue is available for private hire both at lunchtimes and evenings.

There is a selection of different venues throughout the Estate that are available for private hire, and the Estate welcome any local community groups or clubs that are looking for a meeting place. All catering can be arranged for you, whatever the occasion.

Everyone at the Symondsbury Kitchen pride themselves on being flexible, so if you have a specific request please contact them and they will be happy to discuss your requirements and create a tailor made package to suit your needs.

They look forward to welcoming you to Symondsbury Kitchen!

VALENTINES DAY 2014

TIME TO BOOK

Freshly chucked oysters on ice with
mojito granita or lemon grass, sweet basil, chilli and fresh coriander
Steak tartar with quail egg and black sea salt
Grilled aubergine with balsamic, tomato, feta and mint
Sweet corn soup with mussels, basil and chilli

Pan-fried Credy duck breast with port and cherry sauce and braised bok choi
Char-grilled rib-eye steak with crispy shallots, French fries
and creamed truffled mushrooms
Pan fried fillet of salmon with fennel, lime and sumac
Roast butternut squash & thyme and celeriac risotto with
mascarpone and parmesan shavings

Peach jelly and vanilla bean panna cotta
Warm Bakewelll tart served with clotted cream ice-cream
New York style chocolate swirl cheesecake w/ fresh fruit compot
Assiette of the above deserts to share
A selection of local cheese, biscuits and fig jelly

3 Courses £35.00 per head

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Symondsbury Kitchen

Valentines Evening Meal
Friday 14th February - from 7pm

To Start
Cucumber cured and torched mackerel fillet, beetroot and horseradish
Compression of ham hock, mustard fruits and apple textures
Salad Caprese, smoked mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil, olive
Anti pasti platter for 2 to share, crusty bread, olives, roasted peppers

To Follow
(Seasonal Vegetables selection on each table)
Pan Seared ribeye steak, red wine shallots, chive mash
Roasted chicken breast, cream cheese and fresh herb filling, gremalota crust, creamed potato
Fillet of sea bream, chickpea, saffron and vegetable stew
Roasted Squash, sage and brie pithivier mixed salad with fresh herbs and flowers

To Finish
Warm pear and almond tart, vanilla ice cream
Vanilla panna cotta, pineapple and basil, shortbread
Selection of cheese, chutney, grapes and crackers
Chocolate indulgence for 2 to share
Chocolate delice, caramel sauce, popping candy, raspberry textures

Coffee and chocolate ganache £3 per person

2 Courses £22.50
3 Courses £29.50

BYO - please bring you own wine - £3 corkage
Bookings Essential -
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How would you like to genuinely surprise your loved one this Valentine's day? Try to think further than a fry up in bed, roses and chocolates, jewellery and lingerie. Let's look beyond these options and treat that someone special with something they truly deserve.

1. Go for a picnic
2. Take a photograph to capture memorable moments
3. Hug them…Just because
4. A beautiful bouquet of flowers
5. A home made valentines card
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Sign up to biking courses

LOCAL bikers are being invited to three presentations about techniques which could save their lives.

Dorset County Council has sponsored the sessions which have been organised by the Dorchester and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists (DWDAM).

They will take place towards the end of April and early May and will be led by former motorcycle cop Doug Miners.

"We are purely a voluntary group, none of our officers or observers is paid but all want to improve the safety and enjoyment of riders in Dorset. Interestingly enough those that complete the whole programme find they get a lot more out of their biking, as well as being safer," said Linda Ashmore from the group.

According to Department of Transport figures motorcycle riders are 50 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured than car drivers and 13 times more likely to involved in a crash which results in injury.

PICTURED is one of the club members at a Bike Safe Track event at Castle Coombe last year

In around two out of three collisions, human error is the cause although bikers are at fault in just over a third of all motorcycle crashes.

One in three drivers involved in a daylight collision with a motorcyclist claim not have seen the rider before the crash, at night, this rises to over half of all drivers.

Although more vulnerable on the roads, motorcycle riders have the advantage of height and also the flexibility to position themselves on the road.

Understanding how to make the most of these advantages is a start to enable riders to increase their awareness and ability to react to all the risks inherent in particular road and traffic situations.

The presentations, by Doug Miners, now the Driver and Rider Training Manager for the Ambulance service, will be on Wednesdays at 7.30pm on April 23rd and 30th and May 7th at the George Albert Hotel, Evershot, north of Dorchester on the A37. They are free to all bikers.

Riders can follow up these presentations by signing up for the Institute of Advance Motorcyclists Skills for Life Programme with the Dorchester and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists (DWDAM).

For further e-mail newsletter@dwdam.org.uk.

Tea and talk event for mental health

VOLUNTEER Centre Dorset are supporting the "Tea and Talk" campaign, being delivered by Dorset Mental Health forum, by hosting a presentation at the Gallery Durngate Street Dorchester between 11am and 12.30pm on February 27th.

The presentation provides an interactive and informative insight into the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health Issues. And is aimed at challenging some of the public's misconceptions.

Deputy Manager Craig womble said: "We hope to increase the awareness of this subject for the benefit of all groups and to enable us to support individuals from a variety of backgrounds into volunteering and or paid work would like to dispel some of the myths surrounding mental health.

"Many organisations are extremely supportive, and some just need a greater insight into the subject.

"There are a large group of highly skilled individuals still finding it hard to access voluntary roles locally. Therefore we are looking for individuals from a range of organisations to attend the free presentation and find out more."

The hour long workshop will be delivered by service users and staff from the Dorset Metal Health Forum and be an opportunity to ask questions one to one, or as a group.

Free refreshments will be provided.

To book a place as numbers are limited please contact Volunteer Centre Dorset Craig Womble on 01305269214 or email c.womble@volunteeringdorset.org.uk.

Or log on to www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk to find out more about the project.

Parents warned to keep children in school

AS February half-term approaches parents and carers are being warned of the consequences of taking children out of school for unauthorised holidays.

A change in the law now makes it more likely that offending parents will be fined a "fixed penalty" of £60, or if they fail to pay that, brought before the courts where fines can reach £1,000.

The changes in the law take away the general right of head teachers to grant leave outside the normal school holidays.

Dorset County Council Cabinet spokesperson for education, Councillor Toni Coombs, says that parents often argue that a few days will make little difference to a child's education.

A child who has ten days holiday each year of their school life will miss 24 weeks – that's nearly a whole school year," she said.

"I understand that family holidays are general cheaper during term time, but a child gets only one chance at education, so I would encourage parents to do their best not to take children out of school unless they really have to."

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Jim has lived in Lyme Regis all his life and knows the area extremely well. He prides himself on producing great architecture at a cost effective price.

Over the past three years, JLAC have taken on a variety of projects ranging from small kitchen extensions, to outline planning for a new Primary School through to Barn conversion complexes. JLAC thrives on projects that involve turning 1960s /70s properties into something more contemporary, and styling properties worthy of being in the 21st century. The majority of these building follow the perimeter of our local towns and majority of the time have some fantastic views. JLAC makes the most of these views that will not only improve the appearance of the building, but also add value to the property.

Jim works very closely with local businesses to make sure that a good work relationship can be maintained throughout any type of project.

With a lot of second home owners looking to bring a touch of modern style to some of the local properties, Jim offers a Site Supervision service in which he will work closely with all the contractors involved in the project, and have a good working relationship with the client. This service has proved to be very successful and stress free for the clients involved.

Jim also works very closely with the local estate agents in order to help prospective buyers find a property that may require some work to achieve what they are looking for.

With Jim working on his own, each client will get that personal touch to each project. JLAC is looking forward to taking on more interesting and exciting projects in the year to come.

To discuss your project, call Jim on 07824 861909, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, or email info@jimlarcombe.co.uk anytime.

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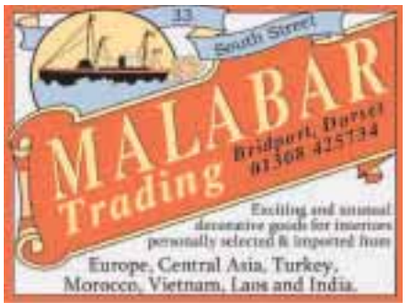
Malabar Trading

ALLEVIATE the gloom of February by a visit to Malabar Trading where the colours of the textiles cannot fail to cheer. There are new beautiful woollen blankets and throws in the shop and handwoven kilim cushion covers in a variety of colours and designs. Other new items are arriving this week, amongst them are some Turkish kilims and Afghan kilim runners.

During the month of February there will be many shipments arriving including nickel and glass lamps and Japanese ceramics and later in the month a variety of blockprinted textiles from India.

As ever there is a large selection of quilts, bedspreads, tablecloths and nightwear.

Most of the goods in the shop are partly chosen for the reason that they are either hand-printed, as in the blockprints, hand-embroidered, as in the suzanis and chikan curtains, hand-woven as in the dhurries and kilims, or handmade, as in the terracotta baking dishes and the marquetry frames. All of these items are also chosen for their quality and usefulness.



▲ Detail of an Anatolian kilim

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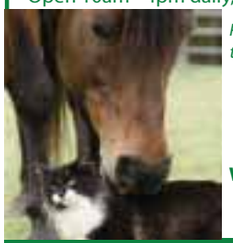

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Following an extended hiatus in 2013 and a relocation to the buzzing musical hub of Bristol, this event served as both Papa Le Gal's first hometown show of the year, and a statement of intent for 2014. Before the main event, and easing the crowd into the evening, Ella Squirrell offered up a selection of sultry acoustic numbers, her diminutive stature belying an impressive vocal maturity.

Papa Le Gal have built up a reputation for their showmanship as well as their sunshine-filled songs, and this evening was no exception. For one night only, the Marine Theatre was transformed into a South American jungle, the perfect setting for their idiosyncratic blend of samba, white funk and Afro and Latin rhythms.

The event saw the band break away from a much-loved catalogue of covers, relying instead on a full set of original material. New tracks 'Sunrise' and 'Unconditional Love' displayed a more measured approach to song writing, while old favourites 'Voodoo' and 'Sidewinder' irresistibly drew the crowd to the dance floor. Another new song, 'Madame Abeline', built to a storming Saxophone-led crescendo, aptly displaying the band's effortless multi-instrumentalism, before Papa finished the night with 'Bombay Satire' and a thunderous accompaniment courtesy of the B Sharp youth music group.

With the night's festivities caught on camera by a Chestnut Productions film crew, and a sold-out show just days into January, 2014 looks set to be a big year for Papa Le Gal, a band well deserving of BBC 6 Music's assertion that they are 'one of the hottest bands around'.

PAPA LE GAL
The Marine Theatre show proved to be a triumphant homecoming
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BLUESROOTS TRIO SPIKEDRIVERS PLAY AT DORCHESTER ARTS CENTRE

BLUESROOTS trio Spikedrivers make a welcome return to Dorchester Arts Centre this Saturday, February 8th with their unique and spellbinding musical fusion of blues, gospel and rock.

Impossible to pigeonhole, their music has been compared to everyone from Led Zeppelin to Pink Floyd, via JJ Cale and Robert Johnson. Fresh from burning up the stages on the European festival circuit, they bring their enthusiasm, fun and musical mastery to Dorchester – so come along and prepare to be enthralled!

The gig starts at 8pm (doors and bar 7.30pm). Tickets in advance are £13 / £11 Senior Citizens / £6.50 Under 18's from Dorchester Arts 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Centre 267992 or online at: www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

SPIKEDRIVERS
The trio return to Dorchester Arts Centre this weekend
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Under My Skin

Dance at the cutting edge of surgery

IF YOU have ever had a surgical procedure or been caught up in the tension of an operation in a TV drama then an extraordinary and inspiring new work from Sadhana Dance will give you a new understanding of the skill of surgical teams.

Surgery may seem an obscure and unlikely inspiration for dance, but in Under My Skin, performed at Dorchester's Corn Exchange on Wednesday, February 12th, three performers take us to the heart of the operating theatre, where intricate detail, perfect timing and precisely controlled exchanges are as important as they are in dance.

Working hand in hand with eminent surgeon Professor Roger Kneebone from Imperial College London, choreographer Subathra Subramaniam undertook extensive research with internationally renowned scientists to prepare the piece.

The result is a work that combines classical Indian and contemporary western dance and demonstrates how art and science complement each other.

Rosalind Conlon, Dance Producer from Activate Performing Arts, saw the piece when it was first created and says: *"The precision and care that surgeons take to prepare and undertake surgery requires a precise and careful set of movements. We have all seen TV shows where Doctors scrub-up in preparation for the theatre. This piece is an excellent demonstration of how this process can be transformed into choreographed movement - the piece is really beautiful and moving. In the pre-show I also learnt how to stitch (simulated) skin - fascinating!"*

Prior to the performance, there is an opportunity to gain a further insight into the complex world of surgery as Prof Kneebone invites members of the audience to join him and nurse Sharon Weldon to participate in a simulated 'operation' beginning at 6.45pm.

Following the performance there will be a Café Scientifique debate with Quentin Cooper (former presenter of BBC Radio 4's Material World).

Under My Skin is at 8pm on Wednesday, February 12th at Dorchester's Corn Exchange, with pre-show simulated operation starting at 6.45pm.

Tickets £10/ £8 or £5 NHS Staff are available from the Dorchester Arts Centre on 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Nationally renowned actor Chris Harris brings comedy one man show to the Marine Theatre

A GUARANTEED evening of "mad jests and merry jigs", the Marine Theatre presents actor, writer and renowned pantomime dame, Chris Harris in *'Kemp's Jig'*, a hilarious and internationally toured one man show, on Saturday February 8th.

Chris Harris has an impressively broad acting career, previously appearing with the RSC, Bristol Old Vic and his highly acclaimed nine year collaboration with the Theatre Royal (Bristol) and their successful pantomime productions in which he starred as the dame.

Chris's performance in 'Kemp's Jig' is said to be, 'a masterpiece of comic acting' (Allen Sadler, The Guardian) and promises a fun-packed evening for all.

> **"A wonderfully sustained piece of clowning and story-telling."**
> *Ned Chaillet, The Times*

Following successful productions worldwide including the National Theatre, the Swan Theatre (Stratford Upon Avon) and a broadcast for BBC radio 4, 'Kemp's Jig' tells the story of one man's Morris dance from London to Norwich. Will Kemp, a famous Elizabethan actor and a shareholder with Shakespeare in the Company of the Lord Chamberlain's Men, performed the remarkable feat of dancing from London to Norwich, a distance of 125 miles, in nine days. He later recorded this journey in his book "Kemps Nine Daies Wonder" on which the show is based and the tale is told.

Chris Harris performs 'Kemp's Jig' at the Marine Theatre this Saturday (February 8th) at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £11 and £9 for concessions, and are available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

CHRIS Harris in Kemp's Jig

Australian stand-up to headline Comedy Cafe

AWARD winning Australian comic Yianni Agisilaou will headline the first Comedy Café night of the year this Friday (February 7th).

A regular on the world comedy circuit Yianni was the talk of last year's Edinburgh Fringe with his 'Think Big' show which saw him close the festival at the city's biggest venue supported by Ed Byrne.

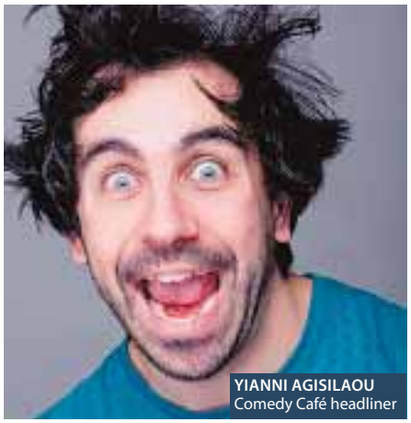
The comedy café nights are returning this year bigger and better than ever after teaming up with Mirth Control, the UK's leading booker of independent comedy clubs.

The partnership means the café will be able to attract even more big names to add to the growing list of acts who have gone on to become TV regulars.

Completing the line up at next Friday's gig will be the relentlessly middle class Glaswegian Neil McFarlane, new acts Archie Maddocks and Tim O'Connor as well as regular host, and Bridport based comedian, Tom Glover.

As well as introducing the acts, as ever Tom will be sharing his latest material with the home crowd.

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Friday, February 7th. Tickets are £7 adults/£5 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.



YIANNI AGISILAOU
Comedy Café headliner

Archaeology Evening

AN Archaeology evening will be held this Friday, February 7th at Dorset County Museum. This is primarily a members' event but everyone is welcome to attend, especially potential new members.

The event will commence with a book launch and will be followed by three short illustrated talks. David Carter will discuss the recent works at Sandsfoot Castle in Weymouth; Clare Randall will talk about the Cowleaze Cemeteries, and Jon Murden, Director of the Museum, will talk about the newly conserved Langton Herring Iron Age Mirror now displayed in the Museum's archaeology gallery.

The launch of a brand new book, Paleolithic Archaeology at Broom in the Axe Valley by Dr Rob Hosfield and Dr Chris Green of Reading University, will commence at 6.30pm and copies of the book will be available to buy. The co-editors will give a brief presentation on the book before signing copies for purchase.

All are welcome to attend this event at Dorset County Museum. The book launch will take place at 6.30pm to be followed by the three lectures at 7.30pm. Entry is free: a donation of £3.00 is encouraged to cover costs.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

BEER: Jurassic Jam, the NEW folk jam session, all acoustic instruments very welcome, free admission. The Dolphin Hotel, Beer, 8pm More info 01297 23291 or 01404 46451 or www.eastdevonfolk.org

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Electronic Organ Club Concert with Richard Monks. At United Church Hall, East Street. Doors 7pm, concerts 7.30pm. Membership £4 per year. Concert admission: members £7, visitors £8.
CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.
WEYMOUTH: Broadwey Upwey and District Horticultural Society. A talk by Mark Read on "Vegetable Growing". St Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey. For more details call 01305 814887.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

BEAMINSTER: 'Blues & Jazz at the Pavilion' with Julie Dunn and Guests, with Blue Zoo. At Beaminster Pavilion. Doors open 7.30pm, music 8-10pm. Tickets £7.50 by calling 01308 861746.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

BRIDPORT: The New Elizabethan Singers will perform Karl Jenkins''The Armed Man; a Mass for Peace' at St Mary's Church, South Street. Tickets (£12 but under 16's free) will be available from Bridport Music and Goadsby Ltd, both in South Street. For further information, please contact 07528 105977"
LODERS, NR BRIDPORT: Quiz Night at Loders Village Hall, 7pm. Teams of 6. Book your table by calling 01308 456958. Fund raising for Loders Young Players
BRIDPORT: Charity Coffee Morning at Bridport United Church Hall, from 10am-12.30pm. South American crafts, bric-a-brac etc.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

BRIDPORT/WEYMOUTH/DORCHESTER: Local Singles Walking Group. Do you like walking? Are you single? Aged between 45-65? Local walking group meet every Sunday and walk about 8 miles looking for new members. For more details please call 07901 862588 or e-mail owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Community Orchard to lay fruiting hedge in the orchard, from 10am. Tools and materials are provided, any volunteers welcomed.
SYDLING ST NICHOLAS: Concert: 'Serenade' with Midwinter Cream Tea, 3pm at the village hall. Forget the miseries of winter - enjoy an afternoon of swing, jazz and modern classics, presented in perfect harmony by 'The Serenade Singers'. Tickets £7.50 each - to include cream tea. Available by calling 01300 341618 or 01300 341593. All proceeds to St Nicholas Church Funds.
BRIDPORT: Balkan and French Music and Dance Session (monthly, second Sundays) at The Ropemakers, 36 West St., DT6 3QP. Learn essential dance basics from noon. Session starts 12.30pm, entry free. Musicians and dancers of any ability welcome, no partners needed. Contact Mecki on 01308 423442 (mecki1@yahoo.co.uk) or Kate on 01297 678 217.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask) Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk
LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10am-1pm at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road. Terry Whitworth will tutor a workshop on Still Life. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.
BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola proudly present 'About Time' (cert 12A). At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Titckets £5 (advance) or £5.50 (door). To booki call 01308 862796.
DORCHESTER: WDHS Retirement Fellowship - The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet at 2.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital. Mike Crankshaw will give a talk on being a Member of the Crew on the Royal Yacht Britannia. All retired members of the Health Service are welcome to join.
WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society invite you to their first meeting of the year. Neil Lovesey from Picket Lane Nursery will present an illustrated talk entitled '12 Months of Colour', when he will give tips and tricks to get the best out of your garden. All welcome at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, for a 7.30pm start. There will be refreshments, a raffle and plants from Neil's nursery for sale. Further details from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society hosts a talk by David Croman on Admiral Fitzroy: The Captain of the Beagle and his later achievements. BUC Hall at 2.30pm. Visitors welcome; admission £2.50.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.
DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The Other Knoll Gardens'. An illustrated talk by Neil Lucas on the many rare and unusual trees and shrubs together with climbers and perennials which share Knoll Gardens with its famous collection of grasses. 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurwood College near Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club, Competition 'Stormy Weather; / Optional Competition, Judge John Tilsley. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road from 7.30-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or go to the website www.lymebayphotographicclub.org
UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society fundraiser. Curry Night and Ferret Racing at the village hall, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Kingston Maurward College's ferrets will run five races; betting is £1 a go, with cash prizes of £25, £10 and £5 for each race. Entry for the evening is £8.50 including a Spice'n'Rice curry (either meat or vegetarian). Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be on sale or bring your own alcohol. It is essential to book your tickets in advance: please ring 01297 444034 or 01297 442378, also available from Uplyme Post Office.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'About Time'. At the village hall, doors open 7pm. Film from 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door cost £4 for members of film club £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT/WEYMOUTH/DORCHESTER: Local Singles Walking Group. Do you like walking? Are you single? Aged between 45-65? Local walking group meet every Sunday and walk about 8 miles looking for new members. For more details please call 07901 862588 or e-mail owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

BEER: Jurassic Folk & Acoustic monthly Come All Ye, The Dolphin Hotel, Beer, 7.30pm. Free admission and everybody welcome. More info 01297 20064 or www.eastdevonfolk.org
LYME REGIS: Children's Sewing and Crochet Workshops at Woodmead Halls 10am-1pm. We will be having fun with fabrics & felt, and learning to crochet. Finger puppets, hearts, birds, pirates, mobile phone covers etc etc. Age 6-16. £15 per session (parents may choose to stay and join in free of charge). DBS checked, Fully Insured and First Aider present. Contact Keren Sansom on 01297 35906 / 07815 441115
LYME REGIS: Action medical research for children are holding an Antiques Valuation Day by Duke's Auctioneers, 10.30 am to 1pm, at Alexandra Hotel. Valuations available in silver, jewellery, paintings, collectables, clocks and watches and a general valued. Valuations £2 per item .stalls and refreshments available.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

DORCHESTER: South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group. Philip Mugridge will talk about the many different species of birds in Bulgaria. Some more unusual ones than we see in Europe, Philip is a well known Wildlife Photographer. At St. George's Church Hall Fordington, Dorchester. The meetings are held at 7.45p.m. Admission Group Members £3.00, Visitors £3.50 to include Coffee and Biscuit.
CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

BRIDPORT: Gwyneth's Coffee Mroning in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK. 10am-12noon at Bridport United Church Hall. Stalls includes cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle, new 2 you, books etc.
COLYFORD: 'When Peggy Met Ella' with Sarah Moule and Shireen Francis at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Bar and refreshments are available. Tickets are £8 adult and £6 child and are available from Colyford Post office or on 01297 553710

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

BRIDPORT/WEYMOUTH/DORCHESTER: Local Singles Walking Group. Do you like walking? Are you single? Aged between 45-65? Local walking group meet every Sunday and walk about 8 miles looking for new members. For more details please call 07901 862588 or e-mail owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk.
WEYMOUTH: Arts & Crafts event at The Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze Coveway. Free entry for visitors, free nearby parking, toilets and baby changing facilties. Children welcome. Food and drink available. Doors open 10am. For more details call 07701 018180.

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Ladies' Night with Adonis Cabaret

THE Adonis Cabaret Show was created in Vienna, Austria, whilst on tour in 1996 after the realisation that a lot of male strip shows took themselves far too seriously and forgot that the performers are on stage to please and entertain the audience, not themselves. Top performer entrepreneur Tristan formulated a unique night of mayhem with the help of some of the top drag acts and male strippers in cities around the world and the show soon evolved into regular UK Saturday nights on the south coast popular as hen night entertainment as well as for girls out for a fun night. Since then the Adonis show has gone from strength to strength, touring overseas as well as around the UK.

Following the success of the Adonis Cabaret clubs nationwide comes The Adonis Cabaret Ladies Night Show. We are the UK's Top Hen and Stag Night company and run shows in Blackpool, London, Brighton, Newcastle, Leeds and Bournemouth, so you can be assured of the finest quality performers at ALL times with the best service! The Adonis Cabaret male strippers and Drag Queens have been taking the UK by storm, bringing together some of the best entertainers in the business for a fantastic night of music, comedy and erotica with the emphasis on cabaret and fun. Adonis Cabaret is a fantastic concept in girls' night entertainment!

An international drag comedian hosts the night and will have you in hysterics before the funniest, hunkiest, most televised male strippers in the business titillate you with some amazing routines!

The Show is 'Full Monty' so be prepared!

The Adonis Cabaret Show comes to Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, February 21st. Doors open 7pm, with the show starting at 8pm. Advance tickets are £14 plus booking fee from Bridport TIC: 01308 424901 and online at seetickets.com, or £16 on the door.

NB This show is for over 18s only.

Geology Lecture at Dorset County Museum

A TALK at Dorset County Museum by Dr Gareth Dyke of Southampton University aims to answer an ongoing question amongst geologists: What is a Bird?

The evolution of wings in dinosaurs, and the eventual emergence of birds, was undoubtedly a momentous step in the progression of vertebrate life on our planet. Using fossil evidence, Dr Dyke will unfold the history of birds and their dinosaur predecessors through a study of their anatomical diversity as well as lifestyles and habitats. He will discuss recent fossil discoveries which show key stages in the refinement of parachuting, gliding and – maybe – flapping flight.

Dr Dyke will also explain how birds managed to survive the massive extinctions at the end of the Cretaceous period which killed every remaining non-avian dinosaur.

The talk takes place at Dorset County Museum at 6.30pm on Wednesday, February 12th.

All are welcome to this talk – entry is free and a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs. Doors open at 6.30pm, the talk will commence at 7pm.

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Triple Bill for Opening Night of From Page to Screen

A TRIPLE bill of speakers will open this year's From Page To Screen, the UK's only film festival dedicated to the adaptation of books into films, to be held in Bridport, West Dorset, on April 2nd-6th.

The opening night will feature a special screening for members only of the movie *Frank*, which received rave reviews at last month's Sundance Film Festival, and was directed by Lenny Abrahamson and co-written by Jon Ronson, From Page to Screen's Guest Curator. *Frank* is an offbeat comedy, starring Michael Fassbender, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Domhnall Gleeson, about a wannabe musician who finds himself out of his depth when he joins a maverick rock band led by the enigmatic Frank - a musical genius who hides himself inside a large fake head.

Written by Ronson, a journalist, documentary filmmaker and author of nonfiction books including *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, and Peter Straughan, a writer and director best known for *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, *Frank* is a fictional story based on the memoir by Ronson, who played the keyboards in Frank Sidebottom's band.

CURATOR | Jon Ronson will curate From Page To Screen

Ronson will be on stage after the screening, `in conversation' with Straughan and Abrahamson. Earlier in the day you can see Ronson's new one-man show *Frank: My Story* and get the true story behind the movie.

Polly Gifford, Director of Bridport Arts Centre, said: "We are thrilled to have such an amazing triple bill of speakers for our opening night and we will be rolling out the red carpet in Bridport."

Frank isn't scheduled for release in the UK until May but festival audiences can see it first at this special event. The screening is only open to festival members but tickets include day membership.

Last month it was confirmed that author Nick Hornby will be attending this year's From Page to Screen festival, ahead of a screening of *A Long Way Down*, his fourth novel to be made into a film. Ronson and Straughan will also be `in conversation' before a showing of *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, the 2009 British comedy war film starring George Clooney. The screenplay was written by Straughan and based on Ronson's book.

A full programme of Ronson's film choices will be announced later this month. Bridport Arts Centre in collaboration with the Electric Palace cinema will show a wide range of films over five days at the two venues. Most screenings will feature a talk by authors or filmmakers, giving audiences the chance to go beneath the surface of their favourite films and discover more about the film-making process.

Ronson's other books include international bestsellers *The Psychopath Test and Them: Adventures with Extremists*. His latest book is a collection of real-life adventure stories - *Lost at Sea: The Jon Ronson Mysteries*. Jon writes for the Guardian, he has his own Radio 4 series Jon Ronson On… and his many Channel 4 documentaries include *Secret Rulers of the World* and *Stanley Kubrick's Boxes*.

From Page To Screen was founded in 2009 by Bridport Arts Centre, inspired by the Bridport Prize - one of the UK's longest running and respected literary prizes.

More details can be found at www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk.

You can also become a `Friend of the Festival' again this year. By showing your support financially you can help sustain the festival as a keynote arts event in the Bridport calendar. Some extra benefits include advance notification of events and early bird booking, complimentary invite to a special `Friends' event and free tickets for the festival raffle.

IN CONVERSATION | Nick Hornby, author of *Fever Pitch* and *High Fidelity*, will be 'conversation' with curator Jon Ronson

A chance to play with UK's top fiddle player Dave Swarbrick

A RARE chance is available to get up close and personal with hugely influential folk icon Dave Swarbrick and in addition, enjoy an all girl trio Said the Maiden who are making waves with their selection of trad arrangements and close harmonies, accompanied with fiddle, guitar and at times, wonderfully acapella.

To some, the name Dave Swarbrick is synonymous with innovation and he is indeed credited with heralding the 'Second Folk Revival' while in seminal Folk/Rock band Fairport Convention, who had their heyday in the 70s. To others he is the fiddler's yard stick to which they aspire. Here is your chance to hear not only the mesmerizing fiddle of 'Swarb', but also anecdotes and insights from his extraordinary life and ask any questions which are on the tip of your tongue.

Not only Swarb, but his support act are a delightful English Folk Trio 'Said the Maiden' who have been played by Mike Harding on his Folk show, and who are charming audiences across the country with their tight harmonies, playful style and blended unison singing. A perfect balance for this evening of entertainment.

DAVE SWARBRICK | Don't miss the chance to open for 'Swarb' in Bridport

Opportunity for local musicians to perform on the night

IN KEEPING with his role as Patron of the Folkstock Arts Foundation, who are rapidly establishing themselves as champions of emerging acoustic and folk talent together with Electric Palace's new musicians collective 'Transformer', Swarb is inviting a local solo act or duo to perform three songs at the start of the evening. The act can be of any age or any experience and Dave Swarbrick will personally choose which act is selected. Please note that there is not a fee for the performance and the act should live within 50 miles of the Electric Palace.

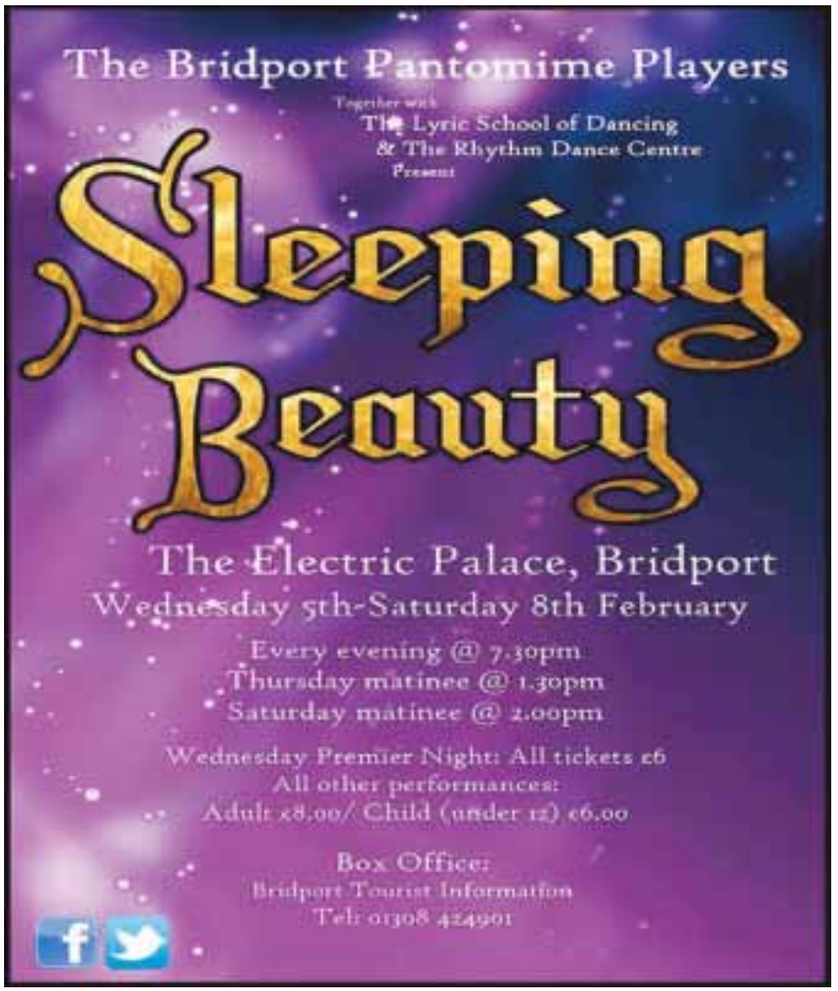
If you would like to be in with a chance of this unprecedented opportunity to impress a new audience with your acoustic/ folk talents, please send a private message to the Electric Palace's Facebook page or make a public post on the Dave Swarbrick Facebook event page on the Facebook page of the Electric Palace, with links to your music on YouTube, Soundcloud or some other sound or video file.

The Electric Palace has already received some fantastic entries so if you want to check out the competition or just see some of the fantastic local folk talent we have in Bridport go to the Facebook page.

The Palace is encouraging music students to come along to this special gig as well as to the Charlie Jones from Goldfrapp event, which will be at the Electric Palace on February 10th, by offering student discounts.

More information about the event can be found at www.electricpalace.org.uk

Tickets for this special gig, taking place on May 2nd, can be purchased online at seetickets.com



Valentines Night Special: 'Realms' in Bridport

A romantic musical soiree awaits at the Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Café

REALMS is an intriguing collaboration of singer Rosalie Genay and pianist Rebecca Nash, two musicians who share a fascination and fondness for the songs of contemporary lyrical legends Tom Waits and Leonard Cohen. Together they have embarked on an ambitious journey to arrange some of their idols' tracks for this new project, consciously including less well known songs in amongst the more popular ones and setting them into imaginative new arrangements.

The song covers might lend themselves well to a more jazz-inspired backing but Genay is careful not to lose anything in the transition. By offering a different perspective on Waits and Cohen's music, and by including their own original tunes in their repertoire as well, Genay and Nash provide ample opportunities for enjoyment. This tour takes them outside their London base and around the UK to promote the release of their debut album in February 2014, supported by Jazz Services and Arts Council England. The album was partially funded through a very successful crowd-funding project via PledgeMusic, reaching its funding target within 20 days.

Rosalie Genay is a Dutch born, London based vocalist and songwriter and has been working professionally in London since moving there in 2004 after graduating from the Australian Institute of Music. She has worked with many leading musicians and vocalists on the scene and has appeared in various venues in Australia, Europe and the UK; the Bb Jazz Club - Berlin, Chet's Jazz Bar - Amsterdam, The Spice of Life, The Archduke, Pizza Express, Arcola and Soho Theatre, Oliver's Jazz Bar - London amongst others.

Rebecca Nash graduated from the Trinity College of Music Masters Course in 2012. She plays in a number of projects; her own trio, the folk-jazz fusion ensemble Wizahikken, Entropi, Paradox Ensemble, the Potter Ensemble, and Benin City. She has played at festivals including Glastonbury, Meltdown Festival, Isle of Wight Jazz Festival, Llangollen Jazz Festival, as well as many jazz clubs nationwide such as the Vortex, the Southbank Centre, and the Spice of Life. Rebecca has shared the stage with artists such as Tina May, Ed Jones, Anita Wardell, Steve Waterman, Christine Tobin, Phil Robson, Mark Lockheart, Henry Lowther and Alex Garnett amongst others.

Realms will perform at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 14th at 8pm. Tickets cost £10, and are available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

REALMS
Rosalie Genay and Rebecca Nash combine for an intriguing musical collaboration

This week's new cinema releases

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB [15]
IN 1985 Dallas, electrician and hustler Ron Woodroof works around the system to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he is himself diagnosed with the disease.
Stars Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner and Jared Leto.

ROBOCOP [12A]
IN 2028 Detroit, when Alex Murphy (Joel Kinnaman) - a loving husband, father and good cop - is critically injured in the line of duty, the multinational conglomerate OmniCorp sees their chance for a part-man, part-robot police officer.
Stars Joel Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski and Abbie Cornish

MR PEABODY & SHERMAN [PG]
Using his most ingenious invention, the WABAC machine, Mr. Peabody and his adopted boy Sherman hurtle back in time to experience world-changing events first-hand and interact with some of the greatest characters of all time. They find themselves in a race to repair history and save the future.
Voices from Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert.

Cinema Listings

Friday, Feb 7th - Thursday, Feb 13th
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12 Years A Slave [15]
Fri-Tue, Thu: 19.45, Wed: 14.25
The Lego Movie [U]
Sat & Sun: 14.50, 17.20
Don Giovanni [12A]
Wed: 18.30
Romeo & Juliet [PG]
Thu: 10.30am

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Philomena [12A]
Sun: 19.30
Romeo & Juliet [12A]
Thu: 13.00, 19.30

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The Wolf Of Wall Street [18]
Daily: 20.25, plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.45
12 Years A Slave [15]
Daily: 17.30, 19.45,
plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.35
That Awkward Moment [15]
Fri: 16.45, 18.45, 21.20
Sat: 13.30, 16.30, 18.45, 21.20
Sun: 12.50, 16.10, 18.25, 21.05
Mon-Wed: 16.10, 18.25, 20.55
Thu: 18.40
I Frankenstein [12A]
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 14.35, 20.25
Sat & Sun: 20.45
American Hustle [15]
Fri, Mon-Thu: 20.45
Inside Llewyn Davis [15]
Fri: 13.20, Mon-Wed: 12.35
The Smurfs 2 [U] Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 [U] Sat & Sun: 10.45am
Mr Peabody and Sherman [U]
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.20, 14.10, 16.20, 17.30, 18.30
Sat & Sun: 11.45, 13.00, 14.00, 15.15, 16.15, 18.30
Lone Survivor [15]
Fri, Sat: 15.45, 18.25, 21.05
Sun-Thu: 15.05, 17.45, 20.25
The Lego Movie [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.15, 12.20, 13.00, 13.45, 14.45, 15.30, 16.15, 17.10, 17.55, 18.45, 20.15
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit [12A]
Fri: 14.20, 19.00, 21.25
Sat: 21.05, Sun: 20.55, Mon: 13.45, 18.40, Tue: 13.45, 18.40, 20.55, Wed: 13.45, Thu: 12.40, 15.00, 20.55
Robocop [12A]
Fri, Mon: 13.15, 16.00, 18.40, 21.00
Sat: 11.15, 13.15, 16.0, 18.40, 21.00
Sun: 11.00, 12.50, 15.35, 18.15, 20.40
Tue-Thu: 12.50, 15.35, 18.15, 20.40
Frozen [PG]
Fri: 16.15, Sat: 11.00, 14.00
Sun: 10.30am, Mon-Fri: 16.10
August: Osage County [15]
Fri, Mon-Wed: 14.50
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug [12A]
Fri: 13.00, Mon-Thu: 12.50
The Railway Man [15]
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00
Moshi Monsters [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Gravity [12A]
Fri: 12.20, Mon-Wed: 12.00
Dallas Buyers Club [15]
Fri, Sun-Thu: 12.00, 14.40, 17.20, 20.00, Sat: 12.20, 15.00, 17.35, 20.15
Monsters University [U]
Sat: 10.00, 11.00, Sun: 10.30am
Out Of the Furnace [15]
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.15

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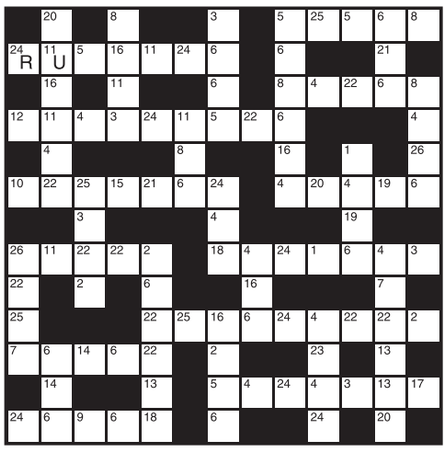
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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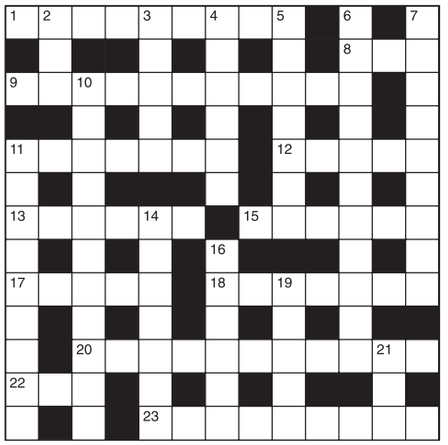
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 T	2 F	3 E	4 X	5 Z	6 D	7 H	8 A	9 S	10 U	11 O	12 G	13 L
14 N	15 Y	16 B	17 J	18 K	19 M	20 R	21 P	22 V	23 C	24 I	25 Q	26 W

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across
1. Amend list and take down when corrected (9)
8. Some very expensive kind of whisky (3)
9. Give hand signals? (11)
11. Having arrived to stage the show (7)
12. An advance, we hear, without friendly support (5)
13. Bird noises ruin the speech (6)
15. Establish the limits of French judicial punishment (6)
17. Mishandles earpieces (5)
18. Unfriendly crowd before the prophet returns (7)
20. Fresh confirmation about secure policy (11)
22. Begone! I must be seen inside (3)
23. A startling revelation for one who wakes up (3-6)

Down
2. Passion shown in their exasperation (3)
3. Nearly everything I have is charged with electricity (5)
4. Mocks at relative in back-street (6)
5. Come from a wild manatee (7)
6. You'll find more point in giving forewarning (11)
7. One who gives in easily won't manage to do this (9)
10. Did the Greeks regard it as a capital investment? (5,2,4)
11. Kind of ice slippers for beasts of burden (4-5)
14. Extract from a book in which a fool is taken in by a young attendant (7)
16. Unsullied, but almost subject to punishment (6)
19. Expose this kind of cartoon (5)
21. This hint would be about right to produce a remedy (3)

Quick Clues:

Across
1. Loss of power of action (9)
8. Possess (3)
9. Cast down (11)
11. Kitchen sideboard (7)
12. Foreign (5)
13. Come back (6)
15. Ebb (6)
17. Rank (5)
18. Mean (7)
20. Bright (11)
22. In error (3)
23. Without stopping (9)

Down
2. Melody (3)
3. Water-lily (5)
4. Flight of steps (6)
5. Recover (7)
6. Thoughtful (11)
7. Deceitful (9)
10. Contingency (11)
11. Guidance (9)
14. Favour (7)
16. Wan (6)
19. Banish (5)
21. Nothing (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Arable; 8 Dotage; 10 Strange; 11 Solid; 12 Gait; 13 Avoid; 17 Cross; 18 Scar; 22 Edict; 23 Fortune; 24 Slaves; 25 Sparta. Down: 1 Passage; 2 Hair-pin; 3 Plane; 4 Corsair; 5 Sally; 6 Wends; 9 Leaves off; 14 Brother; 15 Acquire; 16 Arsenal; 19 Beast; 20 Vicar; 21 Crops. QUICK - Across: 7 Travel; 8 Barter; 10 Mariner; 11 Naive; 12 Note; 13 Inter; 17 Tepid; 18 Whet; 22 Title; 23 Attempt; 24 Grieve; 25 Recent. Down: 1 Stamina; 2 Narrate; 3 Meant; 4 Painter; 5 Attic; 6 Order; 9 Principal; 14 Deceive; 15 Whimper; 16 Statute; 19 Stage; 20 Strip; 21 Strew.

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THE ROWANS

RECOMMENDED

This attractive brick built detached house is situated in a favoured residential are and benefits from gas fired central heating, double glazing, detached double garage and ample hardstanding. Worthy of particular mention are the enclosed level gardens which enjoy a south westerly aspect affording far reaching countryside views. The accommodation comprises canopy porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious study/4th bedroom, kitchen breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC Rating: C. **£310,000**

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Situated on the favoured side of this sought after cu-de-sac, this exceptionally well presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow benefits from a double garage, very private rear gardens and the well planned accommodation benefits from gas central heating. Comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, split level lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen breakfast room, 3 bedrooms and a new shower room. EPC Rating: C. **£346,000**

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SEATON

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THE CRICKETERS

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Artists impression

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- Detached Garage and Parking
- Garden
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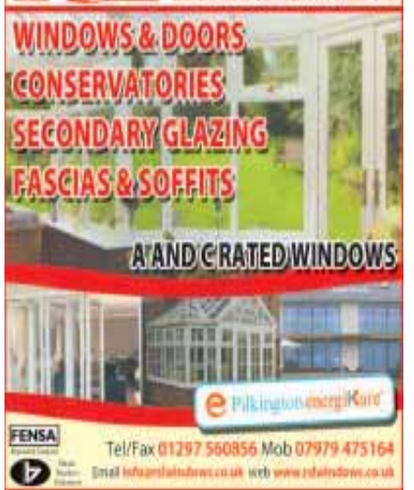

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For motorists in Dorset looking for a new car that packs a powerful punch, Lanehouse Vauxhall is on hand with a record-breaking suggestion!

The local Vauxhall retailer, with sites in Bridport and Weymouth, is inviting customers to give their consideration to the manufacturer's stylish Astra, after the model flew full pelt into the World and UK record books last month.

The model was acknowledged by motorsport's governing bodies after its attempt to set or break 18 World and UK Speed Endurance Records was confirmed as successful. This achievement showcases the vehicle's exceptional reliability and places the model as an ideal choice for those who appreciate a powerful performance.

Record-breaker

In the autumn of last year, Vauxhall attempted two sets of speed endurance records: 12 in the FIA's* 1600-2000cc forced-induction diesel production car class, and a further six in the MSA's* 1500-2000cc forced-induction diesel production car class.

The lead Astra 2.0 CDTi 165PS in the challenge covered a total of over 3,000 miles in 24 hours, over 1,500 laps of a tortuous banked circuit at an average of just over 125mph, only stopping for fuel and a single, cautionary change of tyres.

All 18 records were achieved, with key records such as the World 1-hour, 6-hour, and 12-hour broken conclusively, and the long-standing UK 24-hour, which was smashed by 25mph.

Dominic Avery, Company Director at Lanehouse Vauxhall, comments: "This is a fantastic achievement displayed by the Vauxhall Astra.

▲ Vauxhall's record-breaking Astra sets or breaks 18 World and UK Speed Endurance Records, making it the ideal choice for drivers who appreciate power, performance and reliability

We always knew it was an impressive model, but now we have official proof!

"It offers qualities that many motorists are looking for: exceptional reliability, a good performance and economy blend, and long-distance comfort. As such, we would like to invite all those in the area looking for a new car to stop by our dealership, book a test drive and discover more about this record-breaking model from the Vauxhall line-up."

Innovatively affordable

To make taking to the road in a brand new Vauxhall Astra even more appealing, customers at Lanehouse Vauxhall could take advantage of the manufacturer's innovative Flexible Finance scheme.

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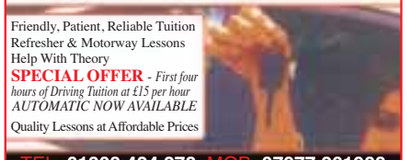

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West Dorset indoor youth cricket league

Cerne make Portland sweat for win

ONCE again the gathered crowd at The Osprey Centre witnessed some outstanding cricket as teams in the under 16s Division completed their fixtures.

Portland U16 88-1 beat Cerne Valley 82 all out by 5 wickets

A YOUNG, but spirited, Cerne made Portland battle to earn victory in a pulsating encounter.

Having elected to bat Cerne got of to a steady start scoring 15 from the first two overs. Portland's D Strong struck in the third over removing T Conibere (4) via an excellent catch from Lukin Wilson.

S Downey (30) and Theo White (21) stuck to the task as Portland playing a man short produced an improved display in the field.

With White departing to a fine run out, the run rate slowed as Wilson claimed two wickets to finish with figures of 2-0-21-2.

Portland snatched the final wicket as Downey's mature and classy innings came to a close via another run out as he aimed to add a few vital extra runs.

Matt Barrett (25 no) and Tyler Penny (29 no) started Portland's reply with some good shot selection and quickly raced to 33 of the first three overs.

With White, Conibere and B Simpson only conceding 18 runs of the next four overs it seemed that Cerne sensed a turn around.

But with Penny smashing 22 of the next over the writing was on the wall, and a finely placed shot from Wilson (4 no) brought Portland victory with three overs to spare.

Martinstown U16 164-1 beat Weymouth 49 all out by 115 runs

A RAMPANT Martinstown put Weymouth to the sword with a classy all round display.

Electing to Bat, Martinstown's batsman displayed superb technique and brilliant shot selection as they punished a wayward bowling display from Weymouth.

Teddy Andrews led the way with an outstanding half-century and he received excellent support from W Morrisey (29 no),T Blair (35 no) and Ninham (26 no).

Weymouth's only success came from an excellent stumping by Jack Sapsworth off the bowling of Dominic.

In reply Weymouth never got going. Luke Lovett needlessly ran himself out off the second ball of the innings and Dominic was cleaned bowled off the last.

Weymouth's backs were up against the wall as Martinstown never eased off the pressure, and it was only a defiant 34 from Tom Chedzoy that kept Weymouth in the game.

Tropics still out in the cold

WEYMOUTH College Tropics U16's are stil looking for their first win of the season after the third round of games in the Solent Junior Local Basketball League.

In a move aimed at finding success, coach Alex Fuhrmann promoted Josh Turner in the hope a younger leader would inspire and motivate his young side, but alas to no avail.

Weymouth College Tropics 18 Salisbury Spires 26

IN the first game Weymouth faced off against Salisbury who has been a tough opponent since the start of the season.

It started as an evenly matched game as both teams exchanged baskets; Weymouth's young squad keeping the score low.

However as the game edged into the 4th quarter, things took a turn as Salisbury took a commanding six-point lead and were unwilling to let Weymouth get to the basket.

Tropics did attempt some last minute pick and roll offences, although it was clearly too late as the game finished 26 – 18 to Spires.

Weymouth College Tropics 17 Dorset Storm B 30

WEYMOUTH came out firing in the second game as Max Gilmartin linked up with Jerry Thompson to take a six-point lead over league leaders Dorset Storm and looked to have improved from their previous game against Salisbury.

It was defence from Taine Mackay and Tim Hendy that then kept Weymouth competitive as Storm came back in the second-half.

Weymouth seemed to face their fate again as Storm jumped their play and, despite three blocks from Mackay, locked up the Tropics and cruised to a 30–17 win.

Coach Josh Turner said: "I was really excited about getting the opportunity to step up and head coach the team this evening.

"I was hoping I'd find back-to-back wins, but due to our lack of fire we really didn't show our true form.

"Both myself and coach Fuhrmann are really trying to instil the success to match the team's potential, but until the lads want to do it, we'll just keep trying."

Roster: Dion Benson, Kim De Leon, Max Gilmartin, Ewan Goodwin, Tim Hendy, Rory Legg, Taine Mackey, Joe Southcott, Joe Stickley, Luke Strong, Jerry Thompson.

Dorchester & District Snooker

RESULTS and tables as at February 2nd: WDC Whipping Boys 0 Trinity M 6, Colliton Hopefuls 6 Colliton XQ2013 2, Purbeck Potters 2 Trinity Gooduns 6, Trinity Express 5 Colliton Cons 3.

30+ breaks; M.Pike 32, M.Beale 30, N.Joslin 30.
Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (67).

Table (week 13)	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	11	49
West Dorset Club A	10	47
Trinity Gooduns	11	46
Colliton Hopefuls	10	43
Colliton Cons	11	41
Trinity Express	11	39
Purbeck Potters	10	38
Colliton XQ2013	9	29
WDC Whipping Boys	11	23

Team Handicap Knock-out Cup semi-finals
Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M (Feb 5th), Trinity Gooduns v Colliton XQ2013 (Feb 6th) both games at Colliton Club.

Rearranged league matches
Purbeck Potters v Trinity Express – Tomorrow, February 6th.
West Dorset Club A vColliton Hopefuls – Monday, February 10th.
Trinity Gooduns v Colliton XQ 2013 – Thursday, February 13th.
Colliton XQ 2013 v Purbeck Potters – Thursday, February 20th.
Colliton Cons v Colliton Hopefuls - To finish (score so far 2-3).

Snooker Individual and Pairs Knockout competition
THE Individual Open and Handicap Snooker Knockout competitions, together with the Open Pairs, are to be staged at the end of the snooker season using the Colliton Club and Trinity Club tables.

The dates for the various competitions are to be determined once the entries for each competition are finalised.

In the meantime, late entries will be accepted by the Secretary up until Saturday,February 15th.

It would also be useful if those that have already entered could confirm their entries.

Billiards League
THE last Annual General Meeting decided that a Billiards League will be run in two-man teams.

Entries are now welcome for the forthcoming season with a closing date of Saturday, February 15th.

Weymouth youth rugby

Seahorses put Kids First

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club has been selected by the RFU to pilot scheme a new initiative developed for Under 6 to Under 12 players in rugby called Kids First Rugby.

The Kids First programme is a new initiative which was launched last September.

The aim of the programme is quite straight forward and summed up by the title; to put the wants and needs of the children at the centre to what is done within the club and school environment.

Rugby can help children to be confident, competent, positive, creative and decisive which will be of great benefit to them in all aspects of life.

Kids First redirects the focus of coaching from coaching rugby to children, to developing children through rugby; a subtle, but significant difference in emphasis.

The personal and social development of children underpins and encompasses the other aspects of development; physical and movement, game understanding and skill focus believing good people make better rugby players.

Coaches at the club attended induction training days to familiarise themselves with the resources pack and the Kids First manifesto required before going live last Sunday.

More details can be found on the RFU website http://www.rfu.com/ruckley and or the clubs website http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/weymouthrugbyfootballclub/

new players welcome

The club welcomes new players who would like to be involved in Kids First Rugby, and should contact either Chris Davis 07576-129254 chrisdavis23@icloud.com or Mike Murphy msmurphy1971@hotmail.com for more information.

Pictured below are the Under 6s with their coaches Tom O Gorman and Robert Miller

MS winners of beach volleyball tournament

BATTENS Solicitors, organisers of the popular beach volleyball tournament have served up the proceeds to their nominated charity Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS) who netted a fantastic £1,047 for the South West Dorset branch.

Some 32 teams from local businesses and organisations fought out the sixth-annual charity extravaganza organised by Battens Solicitors last August, won by GH Podiatry.

MS branch chairman Graham Watts said: "It is a huge sum of money and a great boost to our funds, we are so grateful to Battens and everyone that took part.

"It is our single biggest donation over the past year and every penny will go to help people locally."

Charlotte Appleby, a lawyer in the Battens Weymouth office which organises the contest, said: "The beach volleyball is one of the main events we organise locally for charity.

"This year's tournament was another great success and we are pleased to be able to hand over such a large amount to such a worthy cause; our thanks to Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Weymouth Volleyball Club and everyone who joined in the fun."

Battens Solicitors' annual tournament takes places on the eve of the televised RAF Careers Volleyball Classic on Weymouth beach.

Solicitor, Cherise Luke-Bennett who has been involved in the organisation of the event since it began said: "This year, the charity beach volleyball tournament will take place on Weymouth Beach on Thursday, July 31st.

"We look forward to welcoming teams from businesses across the region. Registration details can be found on our website."

The South West Dorset MS branch has 160 members, of which about 100 have MS.

It organises transport, physiotherapy, outings, exercise classes and mobility aids among other services.

The MS Society estimates that the total number of people living with MS in Dorset is 1,160.

Visit www.mssociety.org.uk and search for south-west Dorset branch or email southwestdorsetbranchmssociety@gmail.com for more details.

■ **SMASHING:** Solicitor Charlotte Appleby, right, hands proceeds over to (l-r): Graham Watts, Graham Hale and Sally Hale

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Bridport Darts League

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	14	25
Robs Robbers	14	25
Times Up	14	19
Nomads	15	19
All Stars	14	18
Hands of Time	14	14
Nags Head A	14	13
Knapp Inn	14	13
Young Guns	14	13
Surely that's en'gh	14	8
Odd Bods	15	2
Dat Team	14	1

Most 180s: Mark Munro (All Stars) 5, six players all 4.
Win %: Graham Knight (Nomads) 100% (15/15)

Division Two	Pld	Pts
One for the Vikings	14	25
Odds or Us	13	20
Rubber Johns	13	19
Young Darters	14	16
Elders	13	16
The Surgeons	14	11
Poachers	13	10
One Direction	14	10
Royal Hawks	12	10
Bob's Boys	13	6
Broken Arrows	13	3

Most 180s: Mike Day (One for the Vikings), Kenny Poole (One Direction) both x3.
Win %: Nick Quinton (Odds or Us) 100% (13/13).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Flashes Fives	13	22
Only Just	12	17
Time Bombs	13	17
Anchor Vale Viewers	12	17
Anchor Five	12	16
Inbetweeners	11	8
The Capercaillies	12	7
Mozzies Heroes	11	7
Odd & Sods	12	5
Midnight Runners	12	4

Most 180s: Paul Bearpark (Odds & Sods)& Andre Reynolds (Time Bombs) both x2.
Win %: Paul Bearpark and Paul Gumbrill 11/1 91.67%.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Tiger Bees	14	19
Otter Rotters	13	18
Tip Top Odds	13	17
All the Kings Men	13	16
The Royal Nuts	12	16
Sorted Odds	14	13
Dodgers	13	12
Sue's Rebels	13	10
Greyhound	12	9
No Direction	13	7
Con Artists	12	5

Most 180s: Six players x1.
Win %: John Boyle (Otter Rotters) 100% (13/13)

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	11	20
Anchor Aces	12	20
Knight 'n' Gals	12	18
Clocking On	11	18
Queenies of the Cl	12	11
Sue's Rebels	12	10
Queen Bees	12	8
Kings Arrows	12	7
Next Door	12	5
Castaways	12	1

Most 180s: Sharon Poole (Clocking On) 1.
Win %: Sarah Chick (Tender Trap) 100% (11/11).

Ladies Div Two	Pld	Pts
Cliff Hangers	8	13
Wildcats	9	13
Against the Odds	9	12
Dougalls Dollies	10	9
Good Mates	10	9
Anchors Aweigh	10	7
Charlie's Angels	9	7
Tiger Stripes	9	4

Most 180s: None.
Win %: Brenda Bartlett (Anchors Aweigh) 90% (9/1), A.Parkman (Charlie's Angels) 100% (3/3).

Womens football

Seven Bees in Dorset squad

SEVEN members of the Queen Bees of Bridport and Beaminster team have been selected for the Dorset Women Under 18 football squad following trials.

The Dorset FA are looking to re-establish this team with the possibility of entering a side in the South & West Counties U18 competition next season.

The seven, Gaby Gilchrist, Molly Hyde, Beth Letherby, Isabel Mullen, Sophie Northover, Lucy Paull and Anna Roberts-Wray and joined by two Weymouth Ladies, Anne Reading and Rebecca Vallard, as well as Elinor Mason (Real Weymouth) and Katie Paul of Dorchester Ladies in the squad of 14.

Having made the Coaching Centre, they will meet for two hour sessions at the 3G facility of Dorchester Sports Centre on selected Monday evenings between now and the end of the season. Matches against Wiltshire, home and away have also been arranged.

The Centre will be coached by Dorset County FA's Development team; namely: Andrew Battison (Development Officer), Maddy Massey (Development Officer) and Jemma Tewkesbury (Administrator).

Further players may be added to the squad in due course.

Bob Buckler racing

Ugolin makes useful debut

THE long awaited debut of Ugolin De Beaumont finally took place last week.

After several abortive attempts, and although a sixth place finish in the 2m Connolly's Red Mills Bumper Challenge Standard Open NH Flat Race at Wincanton does not sound too impressive on paper, trainer Bob Buckler was delighted with his run.

"It has been difficult finding the right race for him and when we have the fixture has been cancelled or the ground waterlogged.

"The conditions over the past two months have also made it difficult to give him track experience at home which didn't help.

"It was a very good quality bumper with some very good horses in it, but he travelled well. However as they turned for home he was caught a bit one pace, but halfway down the straight he realised what he needed to do and stayed on well, passing several horses on the way.

"I'm absolutely delighted. He's a chaser in the making and coped well with the heavy ground, and will have learned a lot from the experience in his first run. He's an exciting horse for the future."

Despite being pulled up three fences out, Buckler was also pleased with the running of Redlynch Rock in the Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle at Taunton.

The six-year-old who has excelled most in good ground found the atrocious conditions over 3m1f too much for him, and having been prominent for most of the way eventually gave way to the ground.

"He absolutely hated it. We decided to give him a run and see how he went, but he couldn't cope and in addition he ripped a front shoe off which wouldn't have helped him, but his jumping was sound.

"We will now wait for better ground before running him again."

Local swimmers shine at opening club Gala of year

SWIMMERS ranging from six to 16 years took part in Chard & District Swimming Club's first Club Gala of the year at Flamingo Pool in Axminster last week writes Hannah Pullinger.

Excellent swims secured a Bronze Speed badge for 9 and under swimmers Freddie Coles and Grace Lambert swimming under 20 seconds in the 25m free for the first time, and a Silver Speed Badge for Simon Davis (12) in the 50m freestyle, for swimming under 36 seconds for the first time.

There were also 43 Somerset County qualifying times achieved (regional and national qualifying times cannot officially be achieved at this level of competition).

Swimmers of the month were Henry Taswell (12) for achieving a new regional qualifying time in the 200m backstroke in December, and Xanthe Dyer (11) for achieving the most improvement points at galas in December.

Results:

8 &Under Events:Boys 25m Back: 1st M Humphreys; Boys 25m Breast: 1st F Downes, 2nd M Humphreys; Girls 25m Fly: 1st C Webb, 2nd E Huntley 3rd D Russell; Girls 25m Free: 1st E Huntley, 2nd K Flannigan, 3rd C Webb

Girls 50 Breast: Open: 1st T Down, 2nd M Hanson, 3rd F Swan; 13/14 Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Riley, 3rd J Voysey; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd D Brett, 3rd I Waterhouse; 11 Years: 1st H Copeman, 2nd E McDonald, 3rd P Clark; 10 Years: 1st M Downes, 2nd B Barrand, 3rd M Huntley; 9 Years: 1st G Lambert, 2nd M Porter, 3rd J McAuley

Boys 50 Fly: Open: 1st J Spurway, 2nd O Bilbie, 3rd A Lillington; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd B Greenslade, 3rd O Rodger; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd F Parry Leyshon

Girls 200 Back: Open: 1st M Hanson, 2nd F Swan, 3rd T Down; 13/14 Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Riley, 3rd N Doble; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd H Dickinson, 3rd D Brett; 11 Years: 1st E McDonald, 2nd H Copeman, 3rd P Clark; 10 Years: 1st A Greenslade, 2nd M Downes, 3rd M Huntley;

Boys 200 Breast: Open: 1st P Harrison, 2nd I Ross, 3rd J Spurway; 13/14 Years: 1st L Kindred, 2nd H Taswell, 3rd S Davis; 12 Years: 1st O Bright. 2nd O Parry Leyshon, 3rd O Agathocleous;

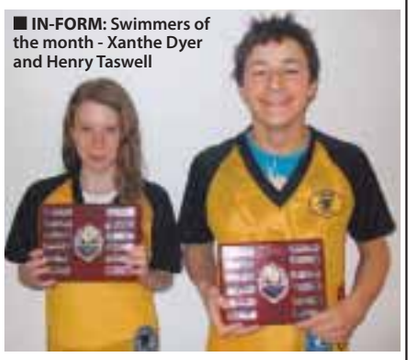
11 Years: 1st J Porter, 2nd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st N Beauchamp, 2nd J Shrubb; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

Girls 100 Fly: Open: 1st M Hanson, 2nd T Down, 3rd F Swan; 13/14 Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Shrubb; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd M Herbert, 3rd D Brett; 11 Years: 1st E McDonald; 10 Years: 1st A Greenslade, 2nd B Barrand, 3rd M Huntley

Boys 100 Free: Open: 1st O Bilbie, 2nd J Spurway, 3rd L Pearson; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd B Greenslade, 3rd S Davis: 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright, 3rd O Parry Leyshon; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd J Shrubb; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

Boys 200 Individual Medley: Open: 1st J Spurway, 2nd L Pearson, 3rd P Harrison; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd L Kindred, 3rd S Davis; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd D Humphreys; 10 Years: 1st 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd N Beauchamp

Girls Novice 25m: 1st G Lambert, 2nd E Huntley, 3rd M Porter;Girls Noveice 50m: 1st I Waterhouse, 2nd D Brett, 3rd M Herbert; Boys Novice 25m: 1st F Coles, 2nd M Humphreys;



■ **IN-FORM:** Swimmers of the month - Xanthe Dyer and Henry Taswell

Hockey

WITH STUART BROOM

Donovan hat trick lifts Beaminster to third

Beaminster 5 Blandford & Sturmin' 2nd 1
Channel Division One

BEAMINSTER moved into third place in Channel Division 1 by displacing their opponents with this comprehensive win.

Blandford & SN had beaten Beaminster 3-1 at home in mid November and with their blend of experience and youth, similar to the hosts were a good match.

However. it was in front of goal where Beaminster had the edge, and when Blandford did find their shooting boots they found Phoebe Stewart in good form in goal.

Beaminster made the best start they could with a goal inside 50 seconds. Hannah Dale's strong run down the right wing saw he feed Lucy Herbert who cut into the D before crossing to Danni Donovan whom had a simple conversion.

Whilst Beaminster had most of the play, the visitors were no mugs and had to be watched, particularly a slight, young midfield player who looks a good prospect for the future.

Herbert put Beaminster two up on ten minutes when she swept the ball home after a good move down the left.

She added a third on 19 minutes when Andrea Thomas' miscued shot found Donovan who showed good skills in beating two in the D before firing just inside the post.

Jenny Clarke then made a tremendous tackle to prevent the visitors pulling one back soon after.

The second half started as the first, with Beaminster scoring in the first half, this time Thomas made no mistake with a shot from the top of the D which appeared to surprise the visiting keeper.

Whether Beaminster relaxed at this point, but Blandord put them under a lot of pressure for the next few minutes and were rewarded with a goal from close in.

However they rallied and on 48 minutes Donovan completed her hat trick with a reverse stick shot from the top of the D past the outstretched foot of the keeper.

The game slowed from here as both sides tired and Beaminster conceded a penalty flick with 14 minutes to go in a goalmouth melee. But Blandford missed the opportunity; Stewart blocking the shot with her outstretched leg.

The win gives Beaminster 25 points from 14 games which should see them finish in the top four comfortably, but with no real chance of catching the top two.

Beaminster: Stewart, S Davies, May, Clarke, Littleproud, Hosegood, Donovan, Thomas, Dale, Herbert, P Davies

Hawks machine rolls on

THE Two West Dorset sides continued their relentless push for promotion as they once again matched each other; easing past their opponents on Saturday to make it ten games unbeaten - nine of them victories.

Ashmoor A 0 West Dorset Hawks 1

HAWKS struggled to overcome second from bottom Ashmoor A by a single goal, but the point moved them level with second placed Yeovil & Sherborne A who had played a game more.

They have eight games left to play, and this Saturday face potentially their hardest and most important remaining fixture when they host leaders Sidmouth & Ottery B .

South East 1(top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth & Ottery B	14	21	33
Yeovil & Sherborne A	14	47	31
WEST DORSET	14	32	31
Bridgwater A	14	35	30
Shepton Mallet A	14	7	22
Minehead A	14	-3	22

West Dorset A 4 Ashmoor B 0

A YOUNG feisty Ashmoor side made West Dorset, who were boosted by the return of club captain Dan Wyatt returning after injury, fight for this victory.

The first half was close with both sides cancelling each other out, although the Hawks had most chances, and Ashmoor were thankful to their keeper for keeping them on level terms at the break thanks to a good save from John Kellis short corner strike.

Hawks changed the formation at halftime and it brought immediate success; Richard Miller diving to score on his reverse with a first time shot into the roof of the net from Julian May's 30 yard pinpoint pass.

Under pressure, Ashmoor lost procession on pushback to an interception from Kellis who beat three players before undercutting his shot like a missile past the goalies head.

A despondent Ashmoor fell apart and found it difficult to get out of their own half, and when they lost the ball in front of goal again, Kellis pounced to poach another.

The visitors tried to counter attack but to no avail and in the final minutes Simon Wakely made a great tackle before making himself space to blast home a shot into the backboard.

The victory sees West Dorset, like the first team, draw level on points with the second placed team ECV Hornets C who after defeat by WD last week could only draw with Isca E.

Hawks: *Everett, May, Smith, Wyatt, Wakely, Cox, B Maltby, G Maltby, Kellis, Henry, Leeson.*

South East 3 (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Bridwater C	14	49	36
ECV Hornets C	14	39	32
WEST DORSET A	14	39	32
Chard B	14	24	28
Yeovil & Sherborne C	14	17	25

Bridport skittles League

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 10th:

Mens Nomination Cup
3rd Round
Tuesday, February 11th
Rejects v Slingers
Thursday, February 13th
Rough Eight v Rockets, Bangers v Shipfaced.
Friday, February 14th
Wanderers vAFAR
Altham Cup - 2nd Round
Tuesday, February 11th
Bulldogs v Mean Machine
Wednesday, February 12th
Countrymen v Unknowns
Thursday, February 13th
Originals v LHS
Friday, February 14th
Castouts v Strawpeedoes
Cup Winners Cup
2nd Round
Monday, February 10th
Brandy Snaps (10) v Crazy Gang
Wednesday, February 12th
Aussies Lot (15) v Wanderers
Thursday, February 13th
Slingers v Castouts (10), Lively Lads v Mean Machine (10).
Ladies Palmer Cup
Semi-Final (1 bye)
Tuesday, February 11th
Lord Nelson: Pinbashers v Alleycats.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	11	22
Rockets	11	14
Broadoak	11	12
Masters	11	12
Rejects	11	12
Shipfaced	9	12
Slingers	10	12
Denhay Farm	11	10
Rough Eight	11	8
Smithys Boys	11	8
The Dingles	10	4
Nelson Nobblers	11	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
Lively Lads	10	14
Outsiders	9	14
Gerryatrics	10	13
Miss the Ball	10	10
NBC	9	10
U Know the Blokes	8	10
Bangers	10	8
W.Dorset Panthers	10	8
Crazy Gang	9	6
Dingbats	9	6
7" Clock	10	5

Division C	Pld	Pts
Mean Machine	9	12
Originals	8	12
Swimming Club	9	12
Aussies Lot	9	10
Bulldogs	9	10
AFAR	9	8
Strawpeedoes	9	8
LHS	8	7
Groundhogs	9	5
Castouts	9	4

Division D	Pld	Pts
Unknowns	9	14
Pioneers	9	12
Survivors	9	10
Countrymen	9	10
Featherbeds	9	8
Let em Roll	8	8
Whisky Chasers	8	8
Alcoholics	8	6
Rob's Rebels	8	6
Offcuts	9	4

Highest individual score: N.Pye (90 x2).

Ladies Division	Pld	Pts
Brandy Snaps	7	12
Hidden Talent	7	10
Yo Yo's	7	10
Alleycats	7	8
Pinbashers	7	8
Bad Girls	6	2
No Problem	6	2
Tiger Lilies	7	2

Highest individual score: S.Yeatman (Brandy Snaps) 82.

Dorset League round-up

Late penalty sees Chickens rule the roost

MERLEY Cobham Sports were knocked off top spot in a weekend that saw the top four teams play each other.

A 38th minute strike from WEYMOUTH RESERVES Lee Sharpe saw them slip to fourth and be replaced by the Terras, who had occupied that position before the start of play.

That was because PORTLAND UNITED and Hamworthy Recreation shared the points at Grove Corner leaving them as they started, in second and third place respectively.

After a goalless first-half, Tom Willis put Hamworthy in front on the hour, but Portland hit back to take a point with a goal from Ross Doige.

Mere Town moved into the top five with a 6-0 home victory over bottom club Poole Borough.

Jordan Collins grabbed a brace and there was one each for Tom Cowley, Ryan Hughes, Mariusz Kawaler and Matthew White for Mere who led 5-0 at the interval.

The game was marred by the sending off of a Borough player.

DORSET LEAGUE

ONCE again the Dorset Football League programme was decimated by the weather.

CHICKERELL UNITED moved into pole position in the **Senior Division** following their 2-1 win over visitors PIDDLETRENTHIDE UNITED.

Nick Etherington and a last minute Dan Welch penalty gave the Chickens victory, with Neil Kellaway, also with a penalty conversion, scoring for the Piddletrenthide.

In Division One WEYMOUTH SPARTANS moved up into the top three with a 3-2 win against their visitors BRIDPORT 3RDS. The Bees led 2-1 at half-time with goals from Jamie McClements and Tom Fouracre but goals from Kieron Howes and a dubious penalty convered by Florinel Bujor, his second of the match, secured the points.

An Ashley White goal secured the points for fifth placed side KANGAROOS against their visitors Bere Regis.

POUNDBURY ROVERS and AFC Cobham shared the points and four goals with the Rovers goals coming from Jack Goldsack and Ben Thomas with Dan King and Mark Seal replying for Cobham.

PUDDLETOWN lost for the first time this season in **Division Four** when they were beaten 2-0 by their visitors UNITED CLUB OF POUNDBURY, with goals from Sam Course and an OG.

RESULTS - Saturday, February 1st
PREMIER
Mere Town 6-0 Poole Borough
Merely Cobham 0-1 Weymouth Res
Portland Utd 1-1 Hamworthy Recreation

SENIOR LEAGUE
Blandford United Res 1-1 South Cheriton Utd
Chickerell Utd 2-1 Piddletrenthide United

DIVISION ONE
Kangaroos 1-0 Bere Regis
Poundbury Rovers 2-2 AFC Cobham
Weymouth Spartans 3-2 Bridport 3rds

DIVISION THREE
AFC Blandford 2-1 Sturm Marshall Res
Handley Sports 0-2 Henstridge Utd

DIVISION FOUR
AFC Cobham Res 1-1 Pimperne SS
Puddletown 0-2 UFC Poundbury
FIXTURES

Tonight (February 5th)
PREMIER
Sherborne Town Res v Mere Town
Saturday, February 8th
Premier
Blandford United v Portland United
Hamworthy Rec v Mere Town
Holt UJnited v Hamworthy United Res
Parley Sports v Bridport Reserves
Shaftesbury Town v Poole Borough
Swanage Town & Herston v Merley Cobham
Wareham Rangers v Sherborne Town Res
Weymouth Reserves v Tintinhull

Senior League
Gillingham Town Res v Sturm Newton Utd
Kingstone Lacy v Westland Sports
Okeford Utd v Chickerell Utd
Piddletrenthide Utd v Corfe Mullen Utd
Portland United Res v Blandford Utd Res
South Cheriton Utd v SturmiMarshall
Upwey & Broadwey v Witchampton Utd

Dorset League Division One
AFC Cobham v Milborne Sports
Bere Regis v Poundbury Rovers
Dorchester Sports v Balti House
Kangaroos v Weymouth Spartans
Poole Borough Res v Swanage Town & H Res
Wincanton Town Res v Bridport 3rd

Dorset League Division Two
Chickerell United Res v Wyke Regis SC
Gillingham Town A v Corfe Castle
Parley Sports v Ship Inn Wool
Portesham Utd v Shaftesbury Town Res
Redlands FC v Portland Town
Sturm Newton Utd Res v Lytchett RT

Dorset League Division Three
Broadstone v Stickland Utd
Donhead Utd v AFC Blandford
Handley Sports v Maiden Newton & Catt
Henstidge Utd v Stalbridge
Mere Town Res v Bere Regis Res
Portland Town Res v Sturm Marshall Res

Dorset League Division Four
Corfe Mullen Utd Res v Kangaroos Res
Cranborne Res v South Cheriton Utd Res
Milborne Sports Res v Pimperne SS
Owermoigne v Puddletown
Portland Town A v AFC Cobham Res
Weymouth Spartans Res v UFC Poundbury

Dorset League Division Five
Corfe Castle Res v Broadstone Res
Maiden Newton & Catt Res v Okeford Utd Res
Marnhull v Lytchett RT Youth
Wool & Winfrith v Portland Utd Youth

Football tables

Skrill South (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Hayes & Yeading (14th)	22	2	28
Havant & W'ville	19	6	27
Farnborough	23	-10	27
Boreham Wood	24	0	26
Maidenhead Utd	21	-6	22
Tonbridge Angels	20	-12	22
Whitehawk	23	-13	22
Gosport Borough	19	-11	18
DORCHESTER TOWN	**23**	**-35**	**15**

Calor Prem (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Biggleswade Town (9th)	26	15	39
Arlesley Town	28	1	38
Corby Town	25	1	38
Burnham	29	-12	38
Hitchin Town	27	5	37
WEYMOUTH	**25**	**-10**	**36**
Hungerford Town	23	13	35
Frome Town	30	-17	35
Redditch Utd	28	-26	34
Truro City	27	-17	30
St Neots Town	29	-10	28
Chippenham Town	27	-24	28
Bedford Town	28	-47	14
AFC Totten	26	-53	12
Bashley	24	-51	9

Toolstation Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Larkhall Athletic	22	51	64
Bristol Manor Farm	26	46	58
Gillingham Town	25	38	57
Street	28	16	53
Willand Rovers	24	12	42
Odd Down	21	12	36
Cadbury Heath	24	5	36
Bitton	23	7	35
Melksham Town	25	-7	35
Hallen	22	3	33
Brislington	20	-3	27
BRIDPORT	***25***	***-5***	***27***
Buckland Athletic	23	-2	26
Winterbourne Utd*	26	-15	26
Longwell Green	20	-8	25
Slimbridge	23	-15	22
Sherborne Town	21	-11	20
Radstock Town*	24	-23	19
Ilfracombe Town	20	-32	17
Hengrove Athletic	22	-25	15
Bishop Sutton	24	-44	12

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
WEYMOUTH RES	***21***	***27***	***41***
PORTLAND UNITED	***18***	***39***	***39***
Hamworthy Rec	20	38	39
Merley Cobham	20	21	39
Mere Town	19	20	32
BRIDPORT RES	***20***	***13***	***31***
Blandford United	19	-4	27
Holt United	23	-14	27
Wareham Rangers	18	1	24
Shaftesbury Town*	22	-19	23
Cranborne	21	-33	23
Swanage & Herston*	19	0	22
Tintinhull	17	-5	22
Hamworthy Utd Res*	18	-20	18
Parley Sports	21	-25	18
Sherborne Town Res	19	-9	17
Poole Borough	21	-30	15

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Chickerell Utd	13	19	32
Westland Sports	12	30	29
Sturm Marshall	11	15	24
Upwey & Broadwey	12	8	23
Corfe Mullen Utd	11	20	20
Portland Utd Res	12	1	20
Gillingham Res	12	-3	18
Witchampton Utd	11	7	17
Blandford Utd Res	13	-3	15
South Cheriton	12	-5	15
Piddlehinton Utd	17	-20	12
Sturm Newton Utd	12	-2	10
Kingston Lacy	14	-33	8
Okeford Utd	12	-34	3

Dorset Div 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	14	14	34
Milborne Sports	14	26	28
Weymouth Spartans	15	-1	28
Dorchester Sports	14	18	27
Kangaroos	13	10	25
Poundbury Rovers	14	7	23
Wincanton Town Res	11	7	19
Poole Borough Res	10	0	13
Swanage & Herst Res	13	-9	13
AFC Cobham	13	-15	12
Bridport 3rds	13	-8	11
Stourpaine	13	-15	8
Bere Regis	15	-34	4

Dorset Div 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lytchett RT	13	47	36
Parley Sports Res	13	20	25
Portland Town	14	11	25
Portesham Utd	10	8	23
Wyke Regis SC	15	0	23
Shaftesbury Town Res	11	5	20
Corfe Castle	14	1	19
Chickerell Utd Res	12	1	18
Gillingham Town A	13	0	16
Redlands FC	12	-2	14
Wareham Rangers Res	12	-11	11
Piddlehinton Utd	16	-21	11
Ship Inn, Wool	16	-30	11
Sturm Newton Res	11	-29	6

Dorset Div 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Stickland Utd	14	32	32
Broadstone	14	47	30
Henstridge Utd	13	9	28
Mere Town Res	13	23	24
AFC Blandford	10	19	24
Handley Sports	15	4	22
Maiden Newton & Catt	8	13	16
Stalbridge	12	-9	16
Sturm Marshall Res	14	-19	11
Portland Town Res	15	-38	7
Bere Regis Res	10	-29	6
Donhead Utd	14	-52	3

Dorset Div 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	12	26	29
Milborne Sports Res	12	15	25
Portland Town A	13	8	22
Owermoigne	11	8	21
Weymouth Spart Res	12	-3	20
Pimperne SS	13	7	19
UFC Poundbury	15	-13	17
AFC Cobham Res	9	2	15
Kangaroos Res	14	-14	12
Cranborne Res	12	-9	11
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	12	-12	9
South Cheriton Res	11	-15	7

Dorset Div 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	13	29	31
Lytchett RT Youth	13	23	28
Corfe Castle Res	13	7	21
Broadstone Res	10	8	19
Portland Town B	16	-27	19
Wool & Winfrith	10	8	18
Marnhull	11	5	16
Handley Sports Res	10	6	13
Piddletrenthide Res*	11	-8	10
Okeford Utd Res	13	-30	8
Maiden Newt & C Res*	8	-21	3

Bowls

'Fleet sunk

Bridport Indoor Bowls

BRIDPORT faced Moonfleet for the second time this season and feared the worst as they were comprehensively beaten on all rinks in the first encounter.

However this is a different Bridport side now in the Wessex League, and new captain Chris Thorne has got a great spirit running through the squad, and despite playing against far bigger clubs are picking up good points.

Max Dare, Bill Payne, Paul Tibble and Brian Rumble picked up a superb two points at Weymouth, winning 19-17, whilw Chris Everest, Brian Walsh, Mel Griffiths and Thorne just missed out on another two points losing 15-16 at home.

Unfortunately Mike Parsons, Brian Galpin, Bob Taylor and Ken Enticott were beaten 21-27 and Phil Hedges, Dave Roberts, Brian Conisbee and Keith Gentry went down 5-31.

In the County Mixed League against Wellworthy, Barbara and Keith Jenkins, Sue Gentry and Peter Hunt secured two points, pipping their opponents 21-20.

Despite losing on all three rinks, Bridport enjoyed their annual trip to Sidmouth.

Gerry Moss, Barbara Jenkins, Beryl Stork and Brian Rumble were 13-10 up before going down 13-14, while Lyn and Mike Craddock, Robin Pither and Phil Hedges led 9-4 up early on before finally losing 14-22.

Penny Pither, Keith Jenkins, Max Dare and Mary Corfield lost on the last end 12-15.

Cricket

Weymouth open with trip to champions Parley

WEYMOUTH, the only local side now left in Dorset Premier League Division One start the new season with the toughest match imaginable; a trip to champions Parley.

After being reprieved following the withdrawal of Winton from last year's Premier League, the Seasiders make the trip to Poole Park on May 3rd.

They then face a similarly testing challenge in their first home match the following week (May 10th) when they host Broadstone who finished fourth.

Dorchester begin life in Premier League Two with a difficult trip to Shroton, before hosting Blandford at The Rec.

Promoted Martinstown will travel to last year's champions Sherborne for their opening fixture, before entertaining Shroton at the picturesque Lower Ashton Farm.

The local derby with county town neighbours Dorchester takes place at The Rec on June 14th with the return on August 2nd.

The restructured Division Two should be interesting this year with five local teams involved, and there's a tasty clash on the opening day (May 3rd) when Beaminster entertain Cattistock.

Weymouth 2nd XI and Dorchester 2nd XI both start with home games against Ferndown Wayfarer 3rds and Portland RT respectively.

Bridport start life in Division Three against Christchurch 2nds before travelling to Kingston Lacy.

There's a clash of the Titans in Division Five with promoted Charlton Down who finished runner-up hosting last year's Division Six champions Chalke Valley. There was only seven points between the teams at the end which will make this an intriguing encounter.

Martinstown 2nd XI also have a tricky start when they entertain Broadstone 4ths who come down from Division Four.

Beaminster 2nds who finished rock bottom of the eight divisions last season face a tough start when they host Wimborne & Colehill 4th's in Division Six who drop down two leagues in the reshuffle.

Symene who were relegated from Sunday's Division Three start with a home game against Broadstone 2nds (May 4th) before travelling to Portland Red Triangle 2nd's the following week.

Broadwindsor start their defence of the Reader Mid Wessex Division 1 League with a home game against last year's Division Two champions Bruton, before travelling to the other promoted side North Perrott.

Park named new Dorset captain

CHRIS Park has been appointed Dorset Cricket Club's new captain, succeeding Tom Hicks who stood down at the end of last season

Park is Dorset born and played for Kingston Lacey and Bournemouth before joining Northamptonshire in 2002, where he was awarded the Academy Players of the Season in his first year.

He was released in 2005 and has played for Dorset ever since, playing nearly 100 games in all competitions and scoring over 2,000 runs.

He was vice-captain to Hicks for four seasons between 2008-2011 and recently has returned to live in the county. He was the stand out candidate and was the unanimous choice of the committee. Park has asked all-rounder Jake Lintott to be his vice-captain, while Alan Willows will remain as the 1st XI Coach, assisted by Julian Shackleton.

Hicks after seven very successful years as skipper where he led the side to the Western Divisional Championship and outright Minor Counties Champions in 2010, and a One Day Semi Final in 2012, will still make himself available to play and will be a valuable member of the squad next season.

Dorset will play Hampshire in a double-header T20 Blast on Thursday May 8th at Dean Park which will provide the visitors with valuable practice for all of their squad ahead of their domestic T20 campaign. Coupled with this is the fact that they are celebrating their 150th anniversary and Dean Park is where they won the County Championship for the second time back in 1973. Further details about the start times for the two matches and ticketing prices will be unveiled in due course.

In other news, the Minor Counties Cricket Association (MCCA)

■ SKIPPER: Chris Park

have renamed their competitions to bring them in line with the Unicorns side that play in the First Class Domestic 50 over competition.

The Unicorns side is run by the MCCA and it seems a sensible idea to give the competitions fresh identity, they will now be named 'Unicorns Counties Championship' and 'Unicorns One Day Trophy'.

The Dorset 'A' side will now be known as the 'Dorset Leopards', the side is used as a vehicle to give young talented players and Dorset 1st squad members the opportunity to showcase their talents.

Players who perform well for this side make the selectors aware of who is knocking on the door for selection into the 1st XI.

The side will be managed and coached by Phil Calcott and Julian Shackleton. A captain for the side will be chosen during the winter training sessions.

Dorset 1st XI fixtures (all 11am)
Friendlies
Sunday, April 13th v Hampshire 2nds (Ageas Bowl Nursery Ground)
Monday, April 21st v Wiltshire (South Wilts CC)
Sunday, April 27th v Dorset League Representative XI (Wimborne CC)
Thursday, May 8th v Hampshire 1st XI (Dean Park Double Header T20 matches start tbc)

Unicorns One Day Trophy
Sunday, May 4th vWales (Dean Park)
Sunday, May 11th v Devon (Sidmouth)
Sunday, May 18th v Wiltshire (Dean)
Sunday, May 25th v Cornwall (Werrington CC)

Unicorns Counties Championship
Sun-Tues, June 8th-10th v Devon (Dean Park)
Sun-Tues, June 22nd-24th v Wiltshire (Corsham CC)
Sun-Tues, July 6th-8th v Herefordshire at Eastnor CC
Sun-Tues, July 21st-24th v Oxfordshire (Dean Park)
Sun-Tues, August 3rd-5th v Wales (Abergavenny CC)
Sun-Tues, August 17th-19th v Cornwall (Dean Park)

Dorset Leopards Fixtures
Tuesday, May 27th v MCC (Dean Park)
Sunday, June 1st v Cornwall (Home)
Sunday, June 29th v Oxfordshire (Away TBC)
Sunday, July 13th v Wiltshire (Away TBC)
Sunday, July 27th v Devon Lions (Torquay)
Sunday, August 10th v Wiltshire (Home TBC)
Sunday, August 31st v Gloucestershire Academy (Home TBC)

Yeovil & District mixed tennis

DIVISION ONE	Pld	Pts
Martock A	7	56
Ilminster	8	53
Sherborne	7	41
Chard A	7	35
MELCOMBE REGIS	7	30
Misterton A	7	28
Yeovil A	6	22
South Petherton	7	15

DIVISION TWO	Pld	Pts
Martock B	5	42
Wincanton A	7	39
WEYMOUTH A	7	39
Somerton A	6	36
Sherborne B	5	24
Somerton B	7	18
BEAMINSTER A	5	12

DIVISION THREE	Pld	Pts
Martock C	6	47
Martock D	9	47
BRIDPORT A	6	40
Yeovil B	6	37
Misterton B	7	28
Yeovil C	9	25
Chard B	5	16

DIVISION FOUR	Pld	Pts
Wincanton B	7	51
WEYMOUTH B	5	38
BRIDPORT B	5	30
Sherborne C	5	28
Shaftesbury	4	22
Somerton C	6	12
BEAMINSTER B	6	9

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INSIDE: Local sport round up

Magpies struggle for elusive win

FARNBOROUGH TOWN 3
DORCHESTER TOWN 2
Skrill South 0 att: 292

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DORCHESTER continue to look for that elusive win that will hopefully give the team the lift required to get out of their precarious situation at the bottom of the Skrill South.

Four defeats on the bounce and looking to gain ground on Farnborough who themselves were without a win in seven matches, they went in at the break level but conceded two goals in quick succession.

Although Dan Munday pulled one back they could not salvage anything from the game.

The Magpies included Nathan Walker, on loan from Weymouth to play alongside skipper Mark Jermyn in the centre of defence.

On a soggy and a very bumpy pitch Alan Walker-Harris was forced to beat away a good effort from Dan Bennett before Boro took the lead with an lucky break, Fraser Colmer turning Bennett's scuffed shot past his keeper.

The Magpies were unlucky not to equalise soon after when a good work by Charlie Losasso down the left put in Warren Byerley, but his curling shot beyond keeper Kevin Scriven hit the post.

However, they got level when the dangerous Losasso crossed from the left byline and when the ball ran loose as Byerley challenged Ollie Treacher, and Sam Lanahan fired home.

New loan signing Jon Nurse put Farnborough ahead just after the hour when he was first to react after the ball had hit the post,

They added a third on 68 minutes when sub Phil Page scored with a left foot shot just inside the far post.

With 11 minutes left Munday gave Dorchester hope when he beat a defender to the ball on the halfway line before racing for goal and firing through Scriven's legs.

Simkin said: "We played very well and got beat 3-2 but we definitely deserved more.

"We probably had the lion's share of the game but, yet again, we have had no luck, which is the way it seems to have been this season.

"It was pretty one-sided at the start of the second half. We bombarded them and their keeper made a world-class save then they broke away and scored.

"We got Dan Munday on and he scored a terrific solo goal, which got us back into it, but we couldn't get a third."

"I was delighted with the performance but disappointed with the result. I don't quite know what we've got to do to turn things around. I'm not altogether sure we can play any better than we did."

Simkin was critical of the pitch, believing it was not fit for purpose.

"The pitch was clearly unplayable, it shouldn't have gone ahead; no two ways about it."

Siblings bring home gold

SISTER and brother duo, Courtney and Jordan Smith both won gold at the Patchway Judo Competition held in Bristol.

The fighters who belong to Dorchester Judo Club, won every fight in their categories; Courtney also fought in a higher category where she won first bronze.

The pair train at least twice a week in Dorchester and Weymouth to ensure they are fighting fit and ready for competition.

Judo is an Olympic sport and can be played by all ages and abilities.

Dorchester Judo Club trains on a Tuesday evening and is looking for more members and volunteers. For more information email info@dorchesterjudoclub.co.uk, visit us on Facebook or come along to a training session held every Tuesday between 6pm and 8.30pm.

■ **GOLD TOPS:** Jordan and Courtney Smith who both won gold

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